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## Helping To 'Keep Education Rolling'

Appreciates His "Team"...

## Mayor Cohen Comments On His 1st Week In Office

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

"My first week has been absolutely phenomenal. We accomplished a great deal as a team," Mayor Richard Cohen told us. "I cannot praise all the employees of City Hall enough. Everyone has been fantastic."

Cohen chaired his first School Committee meeting on Tuesday evening. The 34-minute meeting saw Rosemary Sandlin elected as vice-chairwoman and Linda Galarneau as the committee's secretary.

Cohen, the automatic chairman of the School Committee, is responsible for parliamentary procedure during each meeting.

Cohen says there seems to be a change in atmosphere at Town Hall. He remarked he is serious about his responsibilities as mayor, yet he wishes to be accessible, down-to-earth, and friendly.

Cohen found that a whole month working with the transitional team "helped to make the metamorphosis from mayor-elect to mayor very comfortable." The transitional team included Richard Mundo, director of the Senior Center, Thomas Locke, town attorney, and Richard Theroux, town clerk.

The mayor says his administrative approach is "teamwork." He believes that "the citizens of Agawam made a statement for change by electing a new mayor and five new councilors, and we will work together to achieve that change."

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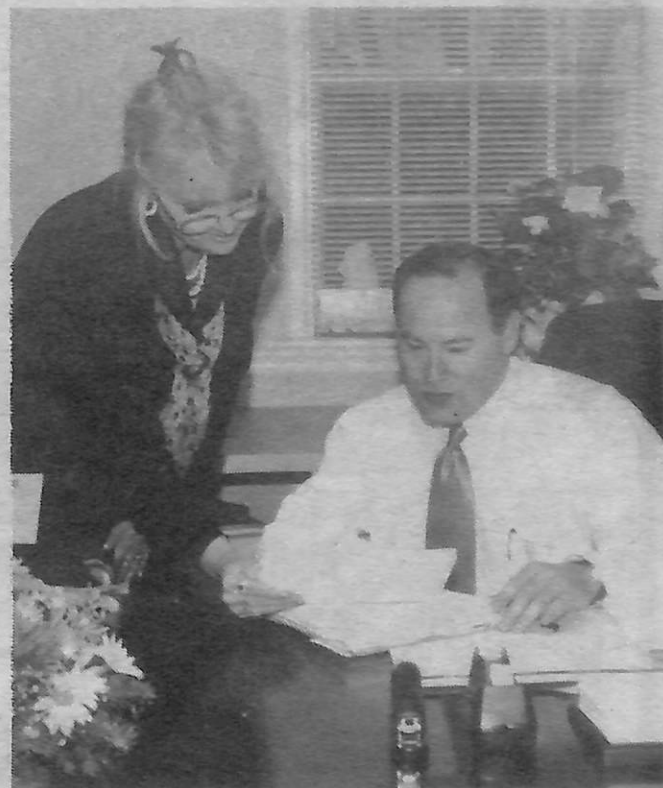
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS DONALD CHAREST (far left) accepts the second check from Frank and Sheila Palange of V&F Auto Service for the "Keep Education Rolling" program. To date, V&F has donated close to \$600. V&F's "Keep Education Rolling" program donates two-percent of each customer's total bill (upon the customer's request and at no cost to the customer) to the town's Activity Account for line item/gifts. Advertiser News

photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Gerry O'Keefe Retires From Police Dept.



GERRY O'KEEFE OF FEEDING HILLS, a 33-year member of the Agawam Police Department, retired last month and received a fond send-off when family members, colleagues, and friends gathered at Bobby's Lounge in Agawam. O'Keefe will again be feted at a retirement party on Monday, February 21st, at Chez Josef. The cost for the dinner is \$25 per person. For tickets, call Wayne Macey at 786-1717 or Linda O'Keefe at 786-9624. Pictured above with O'Keefe (far left) are his wife, Linda; brother, Tom; sister-in-law, Cathy; and brother, Jim. (See related photos on Page 5.) Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



DURING HIS FIRST DAY OF OFFICE, Mayor Richard Cohen goes over some material with assistant Linda Mercadante.

Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



COHEN - from Page 1...

"I want to meet the needs of the citizens and I want my excitement and enthusiasm as mayor to permeate out to the people so their excitement will return and be felt at City Hall," said Cohen.

Cohen's inaugural will be held on Saturday evening, January 15th at Storowton Tavern in West Springfield.

From State Rep. Keenan's Office...

## Enhancements In The Senior Pharmacy Prog.

State Representative Dan Keenan is pleased to announce enhancements made to the Senior Pharmacy Program. The enhanced program includes an additional \$21.7 million for expanded eligibility and benefits.

The \$51.7 million program provides \$1,250 in annual outpatient prescription drug assistance to seniors and qualified individuals whose annual income is below 188 percent of the federal poverty level (\$15,491), and who have exhausted other sources of prescription drug coverage.

"I am both proud and pleased with the enhancements made to the Senior Pharmacy Program. The final outcome demonstrates a greater commitment to the needs of our seniors and an effort to address the growing cost of prescription drugs," said Keenan.

The conference report also expands benefits for other seniors and qualified disabled individuals whose income does not allow them to participate in the Senior Pharmacy Program. It included an additional \$20 million for a temporary, unlimited benefit, catastrophic prescription drug program for those who suffer the burden of excessive prescription drug costs.

"I believe that these changes will help alleviate the financial concern that costly prescription drugs pose for seniors and disabled people in our community," expressed Keenan.

Seniors and disabled individuals who are interested in participating in the Senior Pharmacy Program can contact the Executive Office of Elder Affairs at (617) 727-7750, the Senior Pharmacy Program at (800) 953-3305, the local Council on Aging, or local Aging Services Access Program.

## ADVERTISER NEWS

From Jan. 15th Through May 1st...

## Open Burning Guidelines For Town Of Agawam

The Department of Environmental Protection has designated January 15, 2000 through May 1, 2000 for open burning. Certain guidelines have been established and must be adhered to.

According to Agawam Fire Chief David A. Pisano, the Agawam Fire Department will issue and monitor each permit on a daily basis. Permits will only be issued weather permitting, and only to those locations meeting guidelines.

1. Burning of brush, cane driftwood, and forestry debris will be allowed.

2. No grass, hay leaves, stumps, paper products, trash of any kind will be allowed. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED AT ANY TIME.

3. Burning shall take place between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

4. NO COMMERCIAL OR INSTITUTIONAL BURNING PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED.

5. Burning shall be at a location greater than 75 feet from any dwelling or structure.

6. Outside burning for cooking purposes is allowed.

7. NEVER USE GASOLINE TO START THE FIRE.

8. Someone must attend the fire until completely extinguished. Have water supply handy at all times.

ANY FIRE WHICH IS DETERMINED TO BE A HEALTH HAZARD OR NUISANCE, WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE EXTINGUISHED IMMEDIATELY.

All permits will be issued from Fire Headquarters, 800 Main Street, Agawam. The phone number is 786-2662.

PLEASE DO NOT USE THE "911" NUMBER TO CALL FOR PERMITS.

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Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

## Ag. Town Council Meeting Agenda For Jan. 18, 2000

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Mtg. of 12/20/99  
Minutes - Organizational Council Mtg. of 1/3/2000
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
  - (a) Resolutions
    1. TR-99-22- A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Andrew Campbell, 30 Barry St., FH, MA 01030 to the Agawam Municipal Golf Commission to Fill an Unexpected Term Expiring Dec. 31, 2000 (Mayor)(Tabled on 9/7/99).
7. Report of Council Committees
  - None.
8. Elections
  - (a)
    1. TE-99-5-Election of a regular member to the Board of Appeals to a term expiring January 1, 2003 (Tabled on 12/20/99).
9. Public Hearings
  - None.
10. Old Business
  - (a)
    1. TOR-99-9-An Ordinance to Amend Par. 49-7(c)(1) and Par. 49-7(d)(3) of Ch. 49 Entitled "Personnel" of the Code of the Town of Agawam to Update the Hourly Wages for Certain Unclassified Positions (Mayor)(2nd Read.).
    2. TOR-99-10-An Ordinance to Amend the Fees for the Summer Camp Program (Mayor)(1st Reading).
    3. TO-99-46-Voucher List (\$45.00).
    4. TO-99-48-Transfer-\$41,000 from Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Capital Improvement Budget -Agawam Police Headquarters - Roof (Mayor)
    5. TO-99-49-Renewal of Class I and II Dealer Licenses for 2000.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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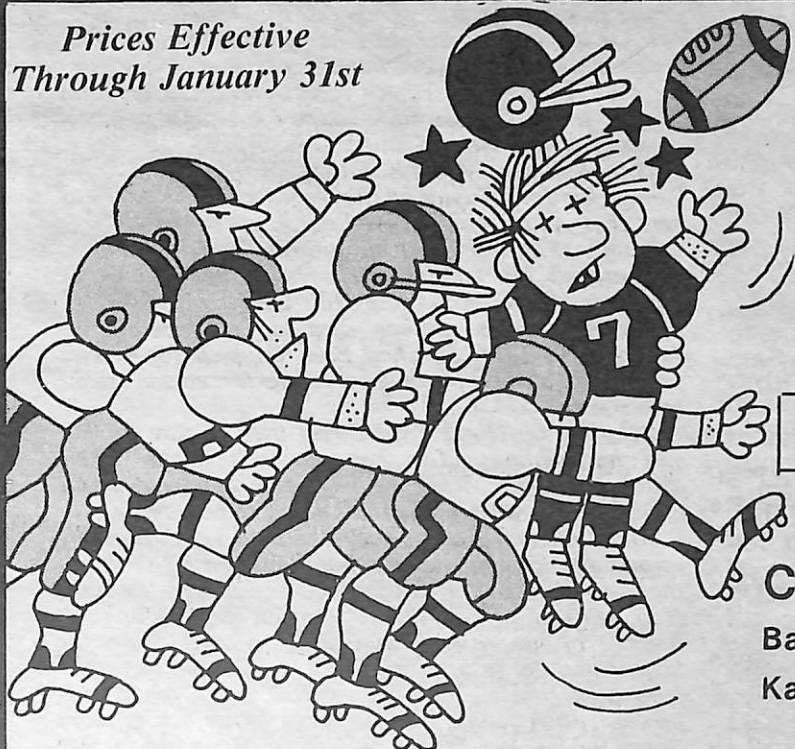
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## Letters To The Editor

### It's Time To Work With And Not Against Berkshire Power

#### To The Editor:

#### Dear Council Members:

This is a new year, a new century, a new millennium, and a new beginning for our new council. Now is the time to forgive and put aside the bad feelings between Berkshire Power and us.

It was a very important issue that started more than six years ago, and has divided our town. The issue was put on a town referendum and the majority of the people voted in favor of this start-of-the-art gas power plant.

We have to respect the results. The power plant is here now, almost ready to operate. We must work together to get the best taxation and the most benefits for our town and our people.

I know that some people fought long and hard to stop this plant. I respect their right to do so. To continue to fight without any hope to stop the plant from operating will be counterproductive and will hurt the interests of our town.

Yes, mistakes were made. I have expressed my strong displeasure with the actions of both parties; the people who oppose the plant just to benefit themselves and the power plant itself. The people, who have received benefits by the thousands of dollars, were the vocal opponents of the power plant.

I give credit to a few opponents who refused to make such deals and settlements. One of the strongest opponents has stated during Citizen's Speak Time that now that the power plant is here, we should make the best of it. Now is the right time for all of us to work together, to make sure that the power plant offers the best possible taxation for our town, and gives more benefits and donations to our schools, churches, athletics, and senior citizens.

Last week, I visited the power plant to see firsthand the safety situation and the working conditions there. I was very impressed with what I saw. I strongly suggest, as representatives of the town, you should go and see for yourself, ask questions, talk to the people, and I am sure that you will be impressed.

I also requested a report of what the power plant has done so far for Agawam, besides paying large amounts of taxes. I am including the report with my letter for you to review. The report shows \$127,407 has already been invested in community donations and there is also a commitment of \$100,000 in the spring.

This money will be used for the construction of soccer fields on River Road and \$6,500 for the Fire Department. I believe that this shows a good start for them and I was assured that more benefits and more money would come to our town.

Sincerely,  
George Bitzas  
Agawam City Councilor

### Agawam Resident Expresses Appreciation To Ferruccio's

#### To The Editor:

Alfred Pajer created Ferruccio's out of a dream and has been serving thousands of patrons over the past several years.

His success was not an accident. He's dedicated to what he does and his passion to please and the extra mile he goes for people keeps him one step ahead of the rest.

His strength is supported by his dedicated family and loyal employees. It is not unusual for Fred, Terry, and Jeremy to start in the store at 8:00 a.m. and end at the banquet house after midnight, only to start again the next day.

The goodness in their hearts are constantly being shared with anyone who knows them. Everyone is special to them. No matter what the occasion, high school sports banquets to weddings, baby and bridal showers, birthday and anniversary parties, there will always be an extra special touch to make their guests feel extra special.

I personally remember an anniversary party. The food was fabulous and the dessert table fantastic! The cutest four year-old had requested a bowl of ice cream, but alas, there was none in the place. Fred sent out one of the kitchen help to find some. Within one-half hour, the little girl had a

bowl of three flavors, whipped cream, cherries, and chocolate sauce!

The greatest of parties was New Year's Eve 1999. Fred, Terry, and their family all pulled together to throw the party of the century. The endless line of food, flowing champagne, great music, and a table full of party favors was followed by the arrival of the New Year's "Baby" and a dozen long-stem roses for all the women as they left.

We will miss Ferruccio's, but will still be able to get great food at Pajer's! I am sure I will be speaking for many people when I say "Thanks" to you all for touching our lives in such a special way. And a special thanks for always being there for me and my family.

A friend forever,  
Mary Ann Zicolella  
Agawam

### Epilepsy Committee Says Thanks To AHS Students

#### To The Editor:

On behalf of The Western Massachusetts Epilepsy Awareness Committee, we would like to give a very special thanks to Corinne Butova, Sara Gregory, Danielle Bachini, and Jennifer Pietroniro.

On December 22nd, a cheerful Santa Claus and his wife volunteered to take Michael Pietroniro (who had been home-bound recovering from a long hospitalization) to school with them. They took him from classroom to classroom and collected money for the Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. A total of \$335 was collected.

We thank you for thoughtfulness, the smiles you brought to Michael's face, and the awareness you continue to bring to the community about epilepsy. Special thanks to all the students who reached into their pockets and donated to the Epilepsy Foundation.

The Western Massachusetts Epilepsy Awareness Committee (WMEAC) works all year long to raise public awareness and to provide assistance to those who live day-to-day with epilepsy. The Sixth Annual Dinner Dance for Epilepsy Awareness is to be held on Saturday, February 26th, at Chez Josef in Agawam. For more information, you may contact Sue Hearn at 789-1529, Janet Shean at 786-2709, or Sharon Collins at 789-0058.

Thank you, AHS, for supporting our efforts to "Help us help others understand."

The Western Massachusetts  
Epilepsy Awareness Committee

### The Name "Riverside Park" Is Good Advertisement For Town

#### To The Editor:

Living in Florida now, my paper is slightly delayed, so the move to change the name of Riverside Park may be a so-called "done deal."

I lived several happy years on Main Street, not too far from Riverside. I still think fondly of the town and have family ties there.

When you live in Florida, the question of where you lived arises often. When I say Agawam, Mass., most people have no idea where that is. I follow with, "Have you ever heard of Riverside Park?" bingo!! They know where I came from.

That is good advertisement for the town, so, hopefully, the powers that be will reconsider making a change.

Dorothea Barden  
Palm Bay, Florida

### Setting The Record Straight Regarding Annie Sullivan

#### To The Editor:

Following is my article describing places in Feeding Hills where Annie Sullivan lived. I understand there has been erroneous talk about homes she lived in.

Annie Sullivan, Helen Keller's teacher, was born on April 12, 1866 in Feeding Hills. She lived in five places in town.

The house she was born in was built by Rufus Leonard, and located at the foot of Valley Community Church. A marker designating this site was placed there.

In 1868, she moved with her father, mother, and younger sister into a hired hand's cottage that was owned then by my husband's great-grandfather, John Taylor. It was situated close to the road at the junction of the present Pine and South Westfield Streets.

Tom Sullivan, Annie's father, worked as a farm laborer for John Taylor on the farm we now own. It was here that young Annie played much of the time.

About 1873, Tom lost his job on the Taylor Farm, and moved his family into a boardinghouse at 23 Southwick Street in Feeding Hills Center.

There, Annie's mother died of tuberculosis on January 19, 1874. She had been crippled for several years when a wood-burning stove overturned and crushed her legs.

Relatives on North West Street tried to care for her and her siblings after her mother's death. Their distraught father drank heavily, and wandered about aimlessly, his whereabouts unknown to his family.

John Sullivan, Annie's godfather and Tom's brother, owned an old, abandoned schoolhouse on his property that was across the road from Douglas Kerr's house. Here, Annie, virtually blind from an illness that took the life of her sister, was unable to keep house for herself and her father.

Another uncle, John Henry Sullivan, Tom's half-brother, took Annie into his large house across from Springfield Water Works on Provin Mountain farther north on North West Street. It was from this house on February 22, 1876 that she was sent to the almshouse in Tewksbury.

I have documentation for the above statements from public and private records, interviews, etc.

Jean Welt Taylor  
Sebastian, Florida

### Agawam Firefighters Say "Thanks" For Support

#### To The Editor:

I am a full-time firefighter here in the Town of Agawam. I would like to thank all of the people in our community who, over the holiday season, took time to think of us at the department by either sending cards, bringing in baked goods and such, or just stopping in to say hi.

I would like to thank the Parish Council of Agawam Churches for providing Thanksgiving dinners, and the Pond House restaurant for making two turkeys and bringing in the fixings for a wonderful Christmas dinner.

I am sure I speak for all of the firefighters on A group who were on duty for those two holidays when I say thank you.

David Spafford  
Firefighter/Paramedic

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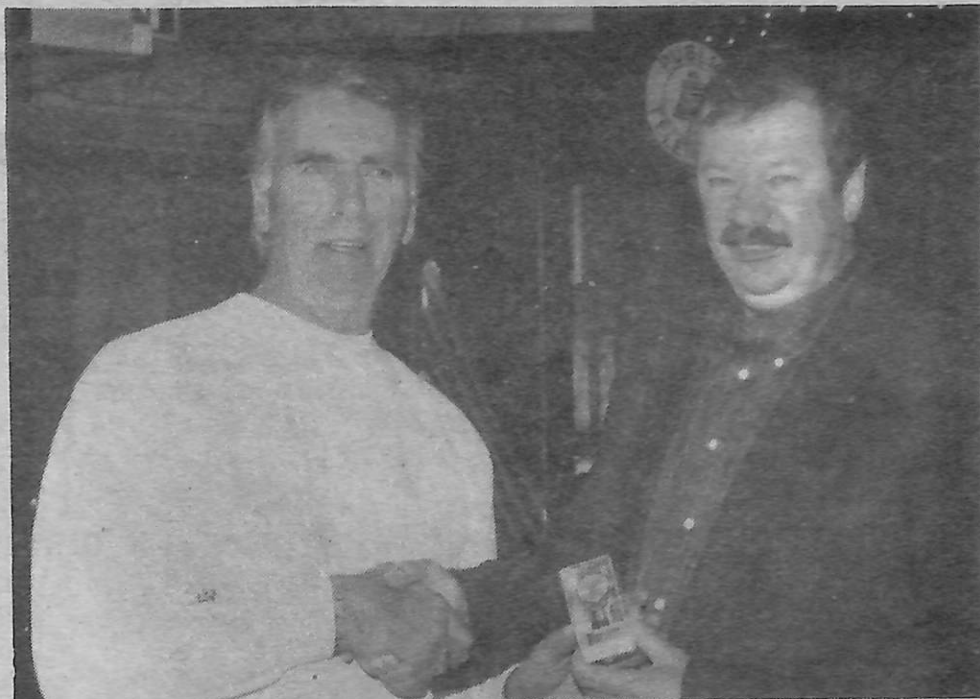
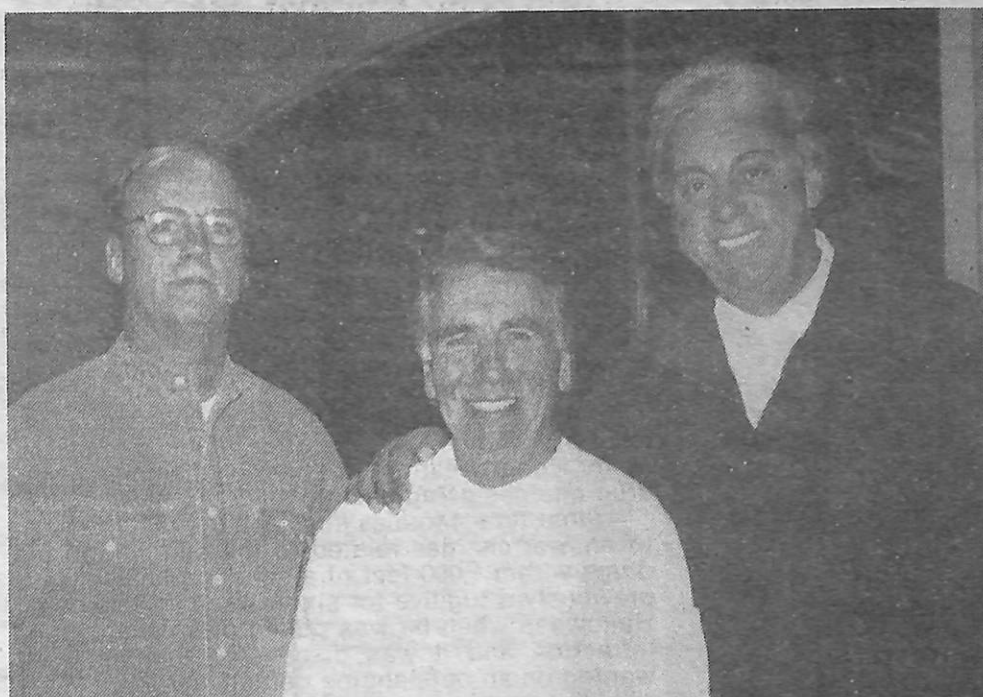
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# In Honor Of Gerry O'Keefe's Retirement...



A GET-TOGETHER WAS HELD RECENTLY at Bobby's Lounge in Agawam to congratulate Gerry O'Keefe on the occasion of his retirement from the Agawam Police Department. IN LEFT PHOTO: O'Keefe (center) with Detective Sergeant Wayne Macey (left) and Town Councilor Bob Rossi (right), a retired lieutenant from the Agawam Police Department. IN RIGHT PHOTO: O'Keefe receives a watch from Michael O'Connor, Teamster business agent for the Agawam Police Department. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Gerry O'Keefe with his wife, Linda, and other family members: Scott Mitchell (son-in-law), Nancy O'Keefe (niece), Sharon Mitchell (daughter), Norm Gebner (son-in-law), and Sandy Blackak (daughter). A retirement party for O'Keefe will be held on Monday, February 21st, at Chez Josef. The cost for the dinner is \$25 per person. For tickets, call Wayne Macey at 786-1717 or Linda O'Keefe at 786-9624. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 20, 2000 at 7:30 PM at the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed amendment to the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Section 180-112, entitled "Special Permit for Parking or Loading Requirement Reduction." A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board

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## “Happy Retirement,” Fran Ennis!!!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO TOWN EMPLOYEE FRAN ENNIS** on the occasion of her recent retirement. Having been employed by the Town of Agawam since 1975, Ennis served as Administrative Assistant, performing duties for issuing building, plumbing, and electrical permits, and dealing with architects, contractors, and homeowners on related issues. In her earlier years, she served as Secretary of the Board of Appeals. **FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:** Nick Urbinati, Building Inspector; Fran Ennis; Joseph Frogameni, Assistant Electrical Inspector, Inspection Services; Linda Cusson, Administrative Assistant to the Building Inspector, and Paul Brodeur, Plumbing Inspector, Public Works/Inspection Services. Advertiser News

photo by Kathy Shepard.



**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:** Paul Brodeur; June Quinn, Principal Clerk, Inspection Services; Nick Urbinati; Dolores Cichetti, Administrative Assistant, Accounting Office; Linda Cusson; Joseph Frogameni; Fran Ennis; Paula Burke, Assistant Town Treasurer; Judy Beauregard, Assistant Town Clerk; and Coleen Hebert, Computer Operator, Data Processing. Advertiser News

photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Melconian Seeks Reform Of Arrest Warrant Mgmt. System

Senate Post Audit and Oversight Committee Chairwoman Senator Cheryl A. Jacques (D-Needham) has joined with Senate Majority Leader Linda Melconian (D-Springfield) to fight for reform of the state's arrest warrant management system. The two cited Holyoke Police Officer John DiNapoli's murder, allegedly at the hands of wanted fugitive Eddie Morales, as a leading example of why reform is necessary.

Morales was wanted on two default warrants issued November 30, 1999 after he failed to show up for a court hearing. The hearing stemmed from drug charges going back to 1993.

At that time, Morales missed a pre-trial hearing to answer charges related to the distribution of drugs within 1,000 feet of a school zone. He was previously a fugitive for six years, until this past Halloween when he was pulled over for a traffic infraction and it was discovered that he was wanted on an outstanding default warrant.

A hearing was scheduled for November 29, 1999, but just like in 1993, Eddie Morales didn't show up. Less than a month later, another arrest warrant was issued for Morales, this time for the murder of Officer John DiNapoli.

"Like so many scofflaws and criminals who do not take our judicial system seriously, Eddie Morales demonstrated his contempt for all of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts when he thumbed his nose at the law first by skipping his court appearances and ultimately by murdering one of our law enforcement officers," said Jacques, a former criminal prosecutor.

"Senator Jacques and I are both deeply saddened by the senseless death of Holyoke Police Officer John DiNapoli. Our hearts go out to his family," said Melconian. "Officer DiNapoli was a fine officer and a good and decent man. We are outraged that his alleged killer, Edward Morales, was free to commit this terrible crime."

Stating that the murder of Officer DiNapoli underscores the need for comprehensive reform of Massachusetts' arrest warrant management system, Senators Jacques and Melconian pointed to other recent cases in which wanted fugitives have committed serious crimes while at large:

- In October 1997, Charles Jaynes and Salvatore Sicari brutally murdered 10 year-old Jeffrey Curley of Cambridge. Jaynes was wanted on 75 outstanding arrest warrants issued by 18 different courts at the time of the murder.

- In September 1999, Sean Taylor, who was wanted for attempted murder by the Boston Police Department, engaged in a car-chase and shootout with Brookline police who had pulled over a car in which Taylor accompanied fugitive and accused double murderer, Jason Pierce. Taylor escaped and remains at large.

- In June 1998, Gilberto Sanchez (a convicted sex offender who was wanted on six outstanding warrants) sexually molested a 12 year-old Framingham girl after climbing through her bedroom window while she slept.

- In October 1997, Richard Kenney shot and killed ex-girlfriend Annie Glenn in Lowell as she waited with her three young children for the school bus. Kenney was wanted on outstanding warrants for crimes such as possession of cocaine and receiving stolen property.

A comprehensive arrest warrant management reform bill filed by Senator Jacques and co-sponsored by Senator Melconian, along with 24 other Senators and 68 Representatives, was passed by the Senate in November 1999.

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On Saturday, January 22nd...

## Volunteers Sought For Trip To Bill Bradley's HQ

Members of Agawam's Democratic Town Committee had a meeting on Saturday, January 8th, at Representative Paul Caron's office in Indian Orchard. A trip is being planned to go to Keene, New Hampshire, for the Bill Bradley for President volunteer rally on Saturday, January 22nd. The Committee is seeking volunteers for the trip.

All of the 50 people who were present at the meeting last Saturday have said they will join in, travelling "caravan" style to the rally. The meeting place will be at the Holiday Inn, Ingleside, where all area volunteers are meeting. About 100 people are expected.

Rudy Altobelli feels that Bradley is the right choice because "he has integrity and respectability." J.J. McCarthy feels that "as Senator, he (Bradley) performed admirably."

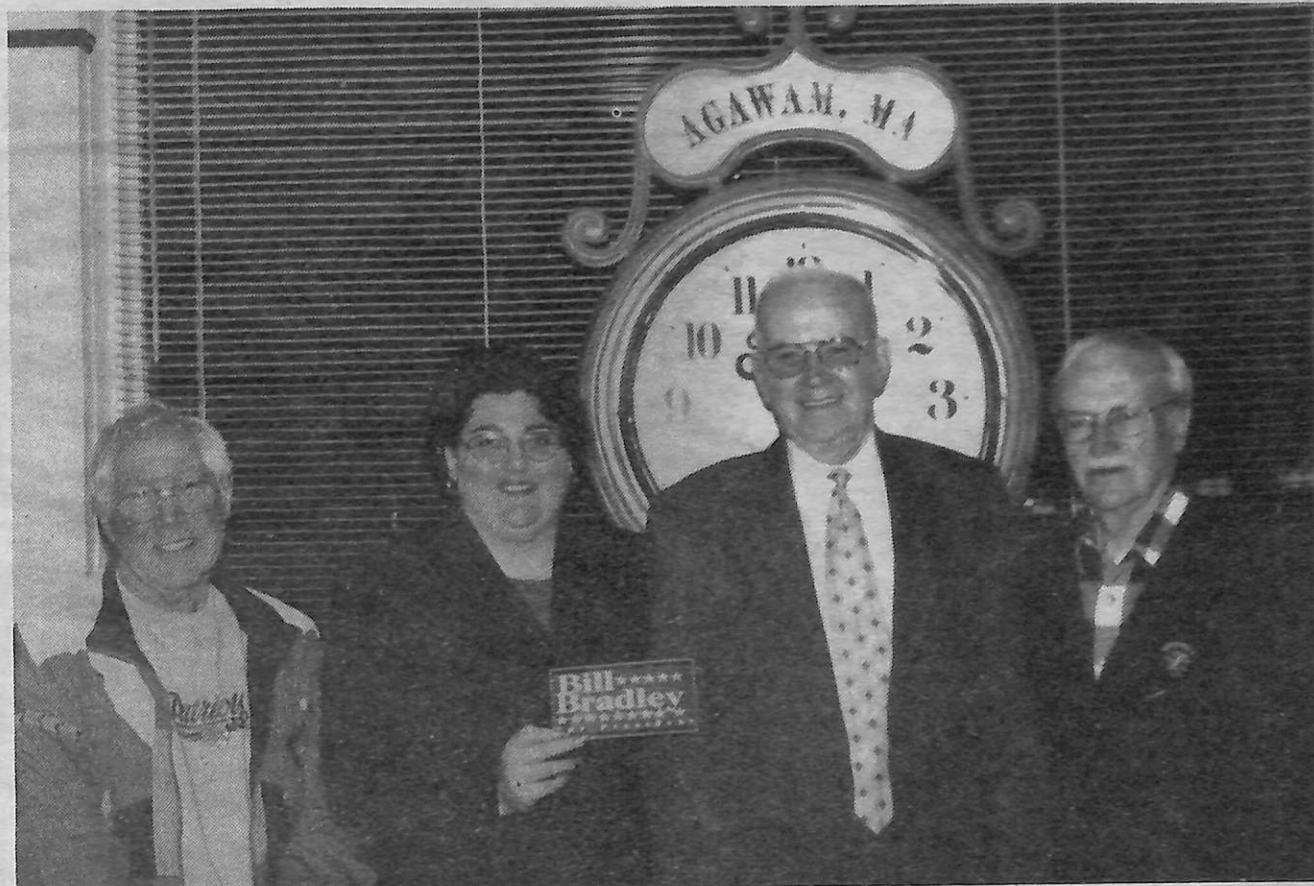
Gina Letellier says Bradley "has people skills and the intellectual ability to understand problems and find the right solutions." Edward Caba has found that Bradley's "past record with the Senate and all the committees he has served on shows he has done an excellent job."

Anyone interested in volunteering for the trip to Keene, New Hampshire, for the Bill Bradley for President rally should contact Rudy Altobelli at 786-1577, Edward Caba at 786-2479, J.J. McCarthy at 786-9471, or Gina Letellier at 739-2112.

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**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE** are planning to travel to Keene, New Hampshire, on Saturday, January 22nd, for a Bill Bradley for President volunteer rally. Among those who are looking forward to the rally are (from left to right) local Democrats Rudy Altobelli, Gina Letellier, Edward Caba, and J.J. McCarthy. Advertiser

News photo by Kathy Shepard.

### MELCONIAN - from Page 6...

The legislation, "An Act to Bring Wanted Fugitives to Justice," stems from a Senate Post Audit and Oversight Committee report released last year entitled *Warranting Improvement: Reforming the Arrest Warrant Management System*.

The Committee found that while the Commonwealth has made strides in the area of warrant management, the electronic warrant management system has yet to meet its full potential.

There is a backlog of more than 300,000 outstanding arrest warrants and a clear pattern of disrespect for the court system.

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## — Agawam Obituaries —

### Irma Martin

Irma (Bouchard) Martin, 89, of Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

She worked for Strathmore Paper Co. for four years and at Southworth Paper Co. for 17 years. She retired in 1975.

Born in Lake St. John, Quebec, Canada, she lived in Pittsfield before moving to Agawam in 1951.

She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church and was a former member of the Agawam Golden Agers.

Her husband, Francis X. Martin, died in 1960.

She leaves a son, Francis J. of Agawam; two daughters, May M. Rosner of Agawam and Juliette G. Woodcock of Bradenton, Florida; three brothers, Francis Bouchard of Clearwater, Florida, Rene Bouchard of North Carolina, and Almos Bouchard of Gulfport, Florida; five sisters, Eloise Waters, Anita Fontaine, Henrietta Galvagni, Leola Danyleiko, and Adreinne Galvagni, all of Florida; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church memorial fund at 74 Bridge Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

### Albertine B. Forsberg

Albertine B. (Beyette) Forsberg, 87, of Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

She was employed by the former U.S. Envelope Co., A.G. Spaulding Co., the former Aitkens Florist, and the former Springfield Municipal Hospital.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam most of her life.

She was a member of the Agawam Golden Agers.

Her husband, John W., died in 1956.

She leaves a brother, Henry Beyette of Narragansett, Rhode Island, and a sister, June B. Martyn of Springfield.

The funeral was held at Sampson Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

### Santo Maruca

Santo "Frank" Maruca, 77, of 79 Simpson Circle, Agawam, a decorated National Guard combat veteran, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was a retired technician in the 104th Infantry Regiment of the 26th Infantry (Yankee) Division of the Massachusetts National Guard. He attained the rank of chief warrant officer and was station-

ed in Westfield, Springfield, and Boston. He retired in 1982.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam for 41 years.

A World War II Army veteran, he was a first sergeant with the 26th Division in the European Theater and took part in the Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe campaigns in 1944-45. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the American Defense Medal, the American and European-African-Middle Eastern theater ribbons and a Victory Medal.

He was a communicant, parish councilor, usher, and eucharistic minister of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and belonged to Elks Lodge 61, both of Springfield. He was a past commander and treasurer of American Legion Post 352.

He also was a past national commander and 22-year treasurer of the Yankee Division Veterans Association and a past national commander of the 104th Infantry Veterans Association.

He leaves his wife of 53 years, the former Rose Liquori; a son, Mark A. of East Longmeadow; a brother, Anthony, and a sister, Virginia Maruca, both of Longmeadow; and a grandson.

The funeral was held at Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home of East Longmeadow and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church school endowment fund, 23 William Street, Springfield, MA 01105, or the American Diabetes Foundation, 1 Bloomfield Street, Boston, MA 02108.

### R. Kenneth Grady

R. Kenneth Grady, 84, of Oak Hill Avenue, Agawam, a former police chief of this town, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was the Agawam police chief for 13 years and was in command when his son, Sergeant R. Kenneth Grady, Jr.; current Police Chief Robert D. Campbell; and head of detectives, Sergeant Wayne K. Macey, joined the force.

He served the department for 39 years and retired in 1975. He joined the department in 1937 and was hired as a permanent officer in 1942.

Born and schooled in Agawam, he was an Army veteran of World War II and served with the 1115th Military Police Company in the China, Burma, and India theaters. While in Burma, he rode in the first motorized vehicle to trek the Burma Road.

He was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church. He was a member of American Legion Post 185, the Massachusetts Police Association, and the Western Massachusetts Chiefs Association.

A charter member, he belonged to the Mawaga Club for 30 years. He played center on the Agawam championship football teams under Coach Harmon Smith.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, the former Betty L. Reilly; two sons, R. Kenneth Jr. and Agawam Fire Lieutenant Lawrence M., and a daughter, Barbara E. Tessicini, all of Agawam; two brothers, Daniel Jr. of West Springfield and James of Agawam; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Baystate Medical Center Cancer Research and Education Fund, 759 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01199, or to the American Cancer Society, 31 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

### Enrico C. Baldarelli

Enrico C. "Henry" Baldarelli, 65, of Agawam, owner of E. Baldarelli Construction Co. for 44 years, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He also was owner of Caesar's Restaurant on Suffield Street for 38 years.

Born in Agawam, he was a graduate of Agawam High School and a lifelong resident of the town.

He leaves his wife, the former Sharon M. Kappenman; four sons, Rick of Chicopee, John P. of Northampton, Joseph of Southwick, and Dean Cipriani of Longmeadow; a daughter, Shari Baldarelli of Agawam; a brother, Lee of Carmel, California; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph at Mont Marie, 34 Lower Westfield Road, Holyoke, MA 01040.

### Rose DeMars

Rose (Loncrini) DeMars, 94, formerly of Meadow Brook Manor, Agawam, died recently in an East Longmeadow nursing home.

Born in Windsor Locks, CT, she lived in Agawam most of her life and graduated from Agawam High School.

She was a former member of the Christian Mothers of St. Anthony of Padua and the Golden Age Senior Center Chapter 1.

She leaves a daughter, Joan Bonello of Feeding Hills; a granddaughter, Heather Taupier; and two great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Augustus DeMars, died in 1977.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in St. Theresa's Church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Association for the Blind, 77 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01108.

## Nicolette Jean Cooley

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## Agawam Historical Assoc. Seeks Artifacts For Museum Opening

In preparation for the anticipated Memorial Day 2000 opening of the Agawam Historical & Fire House Museum on Elm Street, the Agawam Historical Association is seeking donations of historically relevant items to add to their permanent collection.

Association president Rick Bellico says, "This is a very exciting time — the addition to the building has been enclosed and the interior work is well under way. We hope to be up and running this Memorial Day. We need to start thinking about exhibits and displays."

The association is very interested in donations of books, journals, diaries, letter, identified photos, and other artifacts pertaining to the development and history of Agawam and Feeding Hills. Fire memorabilia, especially from Agawam, is also welcome.

If you have a piece of Agawam's history that you would like to donate or display, please call Agawam Historical Association archivists Ann Bradford at 786-6835 or Ann Marie Liptak at 786-3031.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 20, 2000 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Fether, Inc. for a Definitive Subdivision Plan of Willow Glenn Estates II, a proposed forty-eight (48) lot subdivision to be located at the end of Lancaster Drive to Line Street.

Per order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

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## Veterans' Corner...

## VA Medical Center Eligibility Information

by Ruth C. Bitzas  
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

The Department of Affairs encourages veterans to enroll at The Veterans' Outpatient Clinic in the new Federal Building to ensure eligibility for medical benefits. One of the important things to remember is that veterans are not turned away; all veterans can receive care.

However, there is a priority list and the co-payment is based upon your completing a "Financial Assessment" form. Enrollment Priority Groups are listed below:

**1. Priority Group One:** Veterans with service-connected conditions rated at 50 percent or more disabling.

**2. Priority Group Two:** Veterans with service-connected conditions rated 30 to 40 percent or more disabling.

**3. Priority Group Three:** Veterans who are former POW's, veterans with service-connected conditions rated 10 to 20 percent disabling.

**4. Priority Group Four:** Veterans who are receiving aid and attendance or house-bound benefits, and veterans who have been determined by the VA to be catastrophically disabled.

**5. Priority Group Five:** Nonservice-connected veterans and service-connected veterans rated zero percent disabled, whose income and net worth are below the established dollar thresholds.

**6. Priority Group Six:** All other eligible veterans who are not required to make co-payments for their care, including: WWI and Mexican Border War veterans; veterans solely seeking care for disorders associated with service in the Persian Gulf; and compensable zero service-connected veterans.

**7. Priority Group Seven:** Nonservice-connected and zero percent service-connected veterans with income or net worth above the statutory threshold and who agree to pay specified co-payments.

For more information, contact the VA Call Center at (877) 222-VETS.

This week, we are publishing the list of Agawam World War II veterans whose last names begin with the letters "W," "Y," and "Z." These names will be included on our honor roll.

WWII AGAWAM VETERANS - "W," "Y," & "Z"

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WAITE, RAYMOND T.

WALKER, JOHN S.

WALLS, MARION F.

WALSH, JOHN, JR.

WALSH, JOHN L.  
WALSH, WILLIAM T.  
WANIEWSKI, JULIAN C.  
WANIEWSKI, MATTHEW  
WASKIEL, ERVIN C.  
WASON, JAMES R.  
WEBSTER, GEORGE, JR.  
WEBSTER, RALPH L.  
WELLS, AUBREY  
WELLS, CHARLES L.  
WELLS, WILLIAM G.  
WENTWORTH, VIRGINIA L.  
WEST, EDWARD A.  
WEST, HELDENE R.  
WEST, PAUL E.  
WEST, RICHARD R.  
WESTON, EDITH E.  
WHEELER, CLIFFORD R.  
\* WHITAKER, CHARLES W.  
WHITEHEAD, ROBERT, JR.  
WHITLOCK, ARON B.  
WILLARD, WARREN A.  
WILLIAMS, EARLE M.  
WILLS, MERTON E.  
WILSON, JOHN E.  
WILSON, NEIL H.  
WISELL, HARRY A.  
WODELL, JOSEPH H.  
WODELL, ROBERT W.  
WOISHNIS, JOSEPH J.  
\* WOISHNIS, JOSEPH P.  
WOISHNIS, VETRO J.  
WOOD, GEORGE L.  
WOOD, NORMAN  
WOODRUFF, CLYDE C.  
WOYSHNIS, KAROL K., JR.  
WRIGHT, KENNETH E.  
WRIGHT, ROBERT E.  
WYANT, JUDSON G.  
WYLIE, JOHN E.  
WYLIE, WILLIAM J., JR.  
YEZIERSKI, PETER P.  
ZANCHO, STANLEY W.  
ZANOTTI, ANGELO P.  
ZANOTTI, LIBERO A.  
ZERBATO, DOMINIC R.  
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Agawam's Animal Control Officer...

## Burke Receives High Honor From The State

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

A familiar figure to Agawam's animal lovers, Robert Burke, Animal Control Officer of Agawam, has been selected as Massachusetts Year 2000 Animal Control Officer of the Year by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Animal Rescue League of Boston.

The state has been giving the award to a deserving, certified Animal Control Officer since 1990 through its Law Enforcement Division. Certification requires attending three classes at the Animal Control Officers' Academy. Nominations come from peers or the Animal Control Officers' Academy of Massachusetts.

The selection process involves talking with townspeople and other forms of assessment. If the candidate is found to be qualified, the recipient is approved to receive the award.

The 56 year-old Burke has been Agawam's Animal Control Officer for 12 years and describes the work as "super and very rewarding." One of the chief responsibilities is licensing dogs, and he has developed a computer program that updates the age of the dog, give the date information is entered, and the date of the most recent rabies vaccination.

Burke also investigates complaints of cruelty or complaints received by the Agawam Police. Dogs found wandering with no identification are confined in a boarding kennel in West Springfield, and the local access channel gives the list of dogs confined so that owners have an opportunity to recover them.

Other situations come up, such as injuries to birds or other wild creatures, animals in distress, and any harm that may come to an animal which might be helpless.

### Local Officials Honor Burke...

Mayor Richard Cohen gave Burke a Citation from the Town; State Representative Daniel Keenan presented the Year 2000 Animal Control Officer for Massachusetts framed certificate to Burke; and Rosemary Sandlin of Feeding Hills, administrative assistant to State Senator Linda Melconian, gave honorary documents to Burke as well.

When Burke received his Animal Control Officer certification, there was only one school in the state (in Needham) where it could be obtained. Burke initiated the availability of these classes at the Western Massachusetts Police Academy in Feeding Hills. Burke is thankful that academy director Hal Etkin was receptive and cooperative about bringing in the curriculum.

"Since then, 75 officers have graduated as certified Animal Control Officers since," Burke said.

The Animal Control Academy is run by the Animal Control Officers' Association of Massachusetts, along with the Animal Rescue League of Boston. Representatives from these groups helped Burke, Etkin, and Dori Ference to get the program in place.

Burke's wife, Paula, the assistant town treasurer, was present when the citations were given to her husband by Mayor Cohen, State Rep. Keenan, and Mrs. Sandlin. Also present were Town Councilor Anthony Bonavita, Sergeant Richard Curry, and Police Chief Robert Campbell.

A formal presentation of the award will be made later in the month at a location to be announced by officials of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Animal Rescue League of Boston.

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By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board

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For photo coverage in The AAN, call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you.

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ROBERT BURKE (fourth from the left), Agawam's Animal Control Officer, has been honored as the Massachusetts Year 2000 Animal Control Officer of the Year. Presenting him with citations and congratulations are Rosemary Sandlin, representing State Senator Linda Melconian; State Representative Daniel Keenan; Burke's wife, Paula; Mayor Richard Cohen; Town Councilor Anthony Bonavita; Police Chief Robert Campbell; and Police Sergeant Richard Curry. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

## Road Rules For Emergency Vehicles

The Agawam Fire Department reminds motorists that the law requires they pull to the right-hand curb to allow emergency vehicles to pass. Failure to do so can cause serious accidents or delays in arriving at the scene of an emergency.

When you hear sirens or see red lights, pull to the right side of the road and stop. If you cannot move right, move in any direction that will allow the emergency vehicle through. Look first before moving. If there is no place to move, sit tight.

Following an emergency vehicle may seem exciting, but, in reality, is dangerous both to the emergency personnel and to yourself.

Emergency vehicles often have to stop sudden-

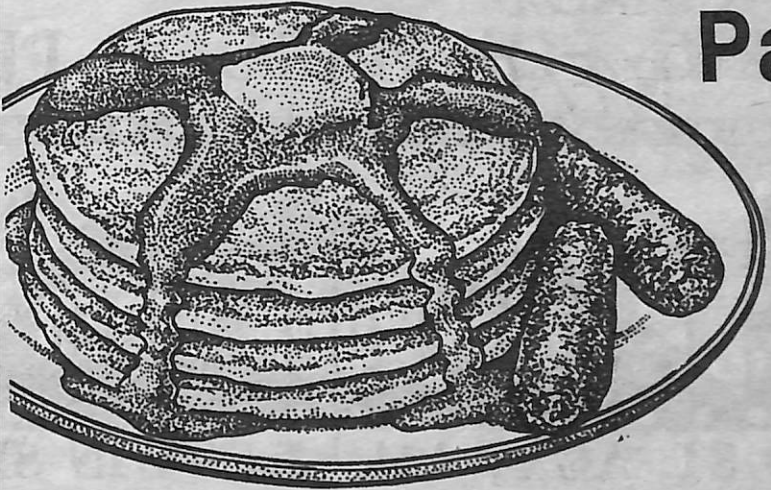
ly, and someone following too close could become involved in an accident and emergency personnel could be injured when attempting to get out of their vehicles to respond to the call. Please heed the warning posted on the back of most fire engines which states that vehicles behind them should be at least 50 feet behind them.

If you are a pedestrian and hear sirens, stay on the curb. Do not step into the street, even after the emergency vehicle has passed. There may be more following at a distance.

Keep children close to you. They may try to dart out to see the fire truck or ambulance.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

"FireWise" is a regular feature of The Agawam Advertiser News...



# UNICO

## Pancake Breakfast

### Sunday January 23

## Polish American Club

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Tickets are \$4 and can be purchased in advance from any of the cheerleaders and UNICO members. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Proceeds to benefit the AHS varsity cheerleaders' trip to the National Cheerleading Championships.





## Families

### Ag. Historical Assoc. Seeks Images Of Town's Past

Daguerrotypes ... tin types ... glass negatives ... photographs ... postcards—let's have a look see. The Agawam Historical Association is collecting images of the town's past in order to create a visual history of Agawam and Feeding Hills and needs your help!

The association, in collaboration with Arcadia Press of Dover, New Hampshire, hopes to create a local edition of the publisher's popular *Images of America* series. Though the final book will contain approximately 200 photographs, 800 photographs must be submitted for editing purposes. The association's archive contains many photographs, though far short of the publisher's requirement.

The association is looking for photos with caption information documenting the history and development of Agawam and Feeding Hills. Early views are especially welcome. All submitted photos from the 1860s to the 1970s will be reviewed for publication.

Picture postcards depicting scenes in Agawam and Feeding Hills may also be submitted.

Photographs of the following subjects are needed: agriculture, business & manufacturing, transportation, sports, education, religion, architecture, landscape, and social and family life.

Original prints are preferred and will be returned upon completion of the project. An image release form must be signed granting permission for the image to be used.

If you or someone you know has photos or postcards they would like to share for this exciting project, please contact Visual History Book Committee chairperson David Cecchi at 731-7600 during the day, and 789-3338 in the evening.

## Lions Donate To Leonard House...



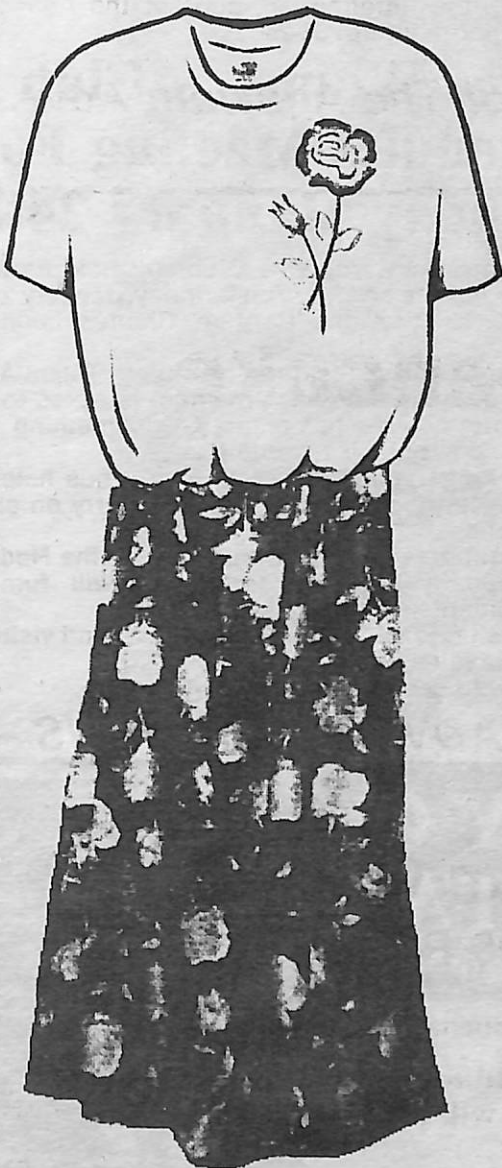
THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB recently made a donation of \$500 to the Captain Charles Leonard House. Pictured from left to right: Joann McGeoghan, President, Agawam Lioness Club; Christopher Johnson, President, Agawam Lions Club; Judy Clini, Leonard House Trustee who runs the "Friendship Program"; Jim Loomis, President, Board of Trustees of the Captain Leonard House; and Dale Melanson, Treasurer, Leonard House Board of Trustees. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

*Our deadline is Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, our office WILL BE OPEN on Monday, January 17th (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day).*

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or the Club at 786-0924





# Agawam UNICO's "Pancake Breakfast With Santa"



ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO held a "Pancake Breakfast With Santa" at the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street. IN LEFT PHOTO: Christopher Wyckoff, Laura Wyckoff, and Stephen Comee. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Tom & Mary Leahy with Tom Smart (son-in-law), Michelle Smart (daughter), and Jesse Smart (grandson). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



IN LEFT PHOTO: "Good job, guys!!!" — members of the Agawam Chapter of UNICO performed the cooking and other kitchen duties for the December 12th "Pancake Breakfast With Santa." IN RIGHT PHOTO: "We've been nice, not naughty!!!" — Agawam UNICO members pose with Santa and Mrs. Claus during the "Pancake Breakfast" at the Italian Sporting Club. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



"WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS???" — Erek and Christene Brown with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Agawam UNICO's "Pancake Breakfast." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## "Winterfest" Slated For January 22nd At Springfield Turnverein

The combined Singing Sections of the Springfield Turnverein will host "Winterfest" on January 22nd, with music for your dancing pleasure by the fantastic "Sounds of Music" Duo featuring Richie Mitnick.

Dinner will be served from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and will include beef rouladen, potatoes, vegetables, coffee, and cake. Cost is \$12 for members, \$14 for guests. Cost for dancing only is \$5 for members, \$7 for guests.

Reservations must be made by January 17th! Call Christa Strehl at 786-0143 or the club at 786-0924.

*You turn our pages each and every week for all the local news...*

## Ag. Women's Club Schedules Meeting For Monday, January 24th

The Agawam Women's Club will hold its first meeting of the new year on Monday, January 24th at 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street.

The program will feature the club's "Talent Auction," at which time each member is asked to bring something she has created, or something she thinks someone else would like.

The items will be auctioned off, thus helping the treasury so that the club may carry on civic functions.

Invocation will be presented by Aletha Hodge. Alice Smith and her committee will furnish refreshments.

The club is seeking new members and visitors are always most welcome.

Hope to see you on the 24th!

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## Navy Fireman V.M. LaValley Returns From Western Pacific

Navy Fireman Veronicalynn M. LaValley, daughter of Phyllis A. and Jules J. LaValley, Sr. of 97 Silver St., Agawam, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf aboard the fast combat support ship USS Sacramento.

During the deployment, LaValley's ship participated in Operation Southern Watch in the Arabian Gulf, enforcing U.N. resolutions levied against Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War, patrolling the no-fly zone over Southern Iraq, and prohibiting the flow of illegal contraband to and from Iraq.

LaValley's ship also visited cities in Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore, and Thailand, where crewmembers had a chance for relaxation, sightseeing, shopping, and to enjoy the local cuisine. Sailors from LaValley's ship also assisted the local community by participating in community relations projects.

USS Sacramento's main mission is to support the fleet through underway replenishment. The ship transports bulk petroleum products from shore depots directly to other auxiliary ships or combat forces underway.

LaValley's ship is capable of carrying more than 150,000 barrels of fuel, 625 tons of ordnance, 360 tons of dry provisions, and 60 tons of refrigerated foods. USS Sacramento gives battle group commanders the capability, flexibility, and mobility to sustain deployed forces underway for long periods.

She joined the Navy in July 1998.

## Bay State Senior Class At Agawam Senior Ctr. On Wed., January 26th

The Agawam Senior Center will be hosting the Bay State Senior Class on January 26th from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Free bone density testing will be conducted on that day by appointment only. Call 794-5200.

If you plan to have lunch at the Center, you must make a reservation by calling 786-0400, ext. 242/243.



JAIME A. COLON AND JENNIFER L. STACY

## Jennifer L. Stacy And Jaime A. Colon To Wed In June

Lyl Stacy of Feeding Hills and Robert Stacy of Westfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer L. Stacy of Feeding Hills, to Jaime A. Colon of Feeding Hills.

The future bridegroom is the son of Amparo Colon of Springfield and the late Jaime A. Colon.

Miss Stacy is a 1999 graduate of Agawam High School and is attending STCC in the medical field. She is currently employed as a CNA at Country Estates in Agawam.

Mr. Colon is a 1994 graduate of Commerce High School in Springfield and is currently employed at Tel-Tool in Westfield.

A June 3, 2000 wedding is planned.

Best local news...



TEGAN M. CHRISTY AND JEFFREY A. KIMBALL

## Tegan Marie Christy Engaged To Wed Jeffrey Allen Kimball

Mr. & Mrs. George Christy of Agawam are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tegan Marie Christy, to Jeffrey Allen Kimball of East Longmeadow.

Tegan is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1993 graduate of Whitman Academy of Hair Design, where she received her cosmetology license. She is employed at a salon in Connecticut.

Jeffrey is the son of Perry Kimball of East Longmeadow and Susan O'Donnell of Palm Bay, Florida.

He is a 1992 graduate of East Longmeadow High School and a 1996 graduate of the Mass. Maritime Academy in Bourne, MA, where he received a bachelor of science degree in marine engineering and a United States Coast Guard license for third assistant engineer. He is currently employed by Maritrans, Inc. in Tampa, Florida.

A May 2001 wedding is planned.

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## 4-H Recognition Program At Polish-American Club...



IN LEFT PHOTO: AAN Feature Editor Kathy Shepard accepts a "Recognition Award" on behalf of The Agawam Advertiser News from a representative of 4-H. The 4-H Recognition Program was held on December 10th at the Polish-American Club.



A REPRESENTATIVE OF 4-H presents "Recognition Awards" to Janice & Eddie Barako on behalf of the Polish-American Club's Women's Auxiliary and the club's bingo workers. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



RACHEL WILDER, the 1999 Massachusetts delegate to the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, was a speaker at the 4-H Recognition Program held on December 10th at the Polish-American Club. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



ZOAFIE DEMKO received numerous special awards at the 4-H Recognition Program held at the Polish-American Club. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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**Got A Hair, Nail, Or Beauty Problem? Send Us A Note, And We Will Answer It In Our Column...**

**Question:** I have bought so many cosmetics that I don't really use, now what?

**Answer:** Common to us all is the urge to buy that new lipstick or to try that new eyeshadow. Got a drawer full of mistakes? Does your summer make-up seem to be too much for your pale winter face? Here are a few hints to use up those existing products.

**Blushers** in powder forms that are too dark can be crushed using a palette knife or the end of a wooden spoon. This can be mixed with translucent powder to soften the shade. The translucent powder works well when used to soften eyeshadow colors that looked better in the case than on your eyes.

Mixing powders can be done by placing in a deep bowl and mixing completely with a spatula or (easier yet) an air-tight container with a lid and shake to blend. A cream blusher that is just too dark can be toned down by mixing with a small amount of face cream on the back of your hand, then applying to your cheeks.

**Lipstick** that is too dark can also be softened with cream and used for a blusher. If your lipstick mistakes are adding up, you can use a lip brush to combine colors on a small tile (I've purchased one for pennies at Home Depot) before applying to your lips.

Another idea is to chop up the colors, place in a small dish, and heat gently in a microwave for a couple of seconds or until the lipstick turns to a thick liquid. Mix with a lip brush and pour the newly-created shade into a store-bought pill box, let set, and use a lip brush to apply. This also works for all the leftover lip color in the bottom of that tube that can't be reached.

Don't forget to name your new shade! If you have a bright-colored or too dark of a shade of lip color, you can try applying a small amount of petroleum jelly to the lips, then paint on the lip color with brush (creating a washed look).

**Foundations** that are too heavy can be mixed with a light moisturizer. If it doesn't offer enough coverage, mix with a small amount of super-fine translucent powder. For a dewy look and coverage, combine your concealer and foundation before applying.

For that glistening look on shoulders or other desirable areas, mix gold or silver powder (crushing pressed eyeshadow works well) to loose face powder, blend, then dust on with a big blusher brush.

Half-used bottles of **nail polish** can be combined; shake and name your shade! If a color is too dark or too bright, use it as a first coat, applying a lighter shade as a second coat. Melissa suggests using two shades on each nail. Her favorite combination is red with gold, silver with purple and a fuschia with ivory.

**A thought for a smile:** Mix a sunshower with a rainbow ... breathe deeply! ... and remember ... *Beauty is our Business!*

**Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu**

**Monday, January 17th:** Senior Center closed (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day).

**Tuesday, January 18th:** Salisbury steak with gravy, egg noodles, peas, rye bread, lemon pudding.

**Wednesday, January 19th:** Baked chicken breast, baked potato, tossed salad, whole wheat bread, Jello with fruit.

**Thursday, January 20th:** Turkey loaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, rye bread, mixed fruit.

**Friday, January 21st:** Clam chowder, tuna salad on a roll, pickled beets, pineapple.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

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**Dr. Steve Sobel To Conduct Two Seminars At The Best Western Hotel In West Spfld.**

Dr. Steve Sobel, nationally acclaimed speaker, trainer, and humorist, will be presenting the seminar "IF YOU ARE NOT LAUGHING, YOU ARE NOT LIVING!- A UNIQUE SEMINAR DESIGNED TO REDUCE TERMINAL SERIOUSNESS, DECREASE STRESS, AND UPLIFT YOUR LIFE" on Wednesday, Feb. 9th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per person, with group discounts available. He will also be presenting the seminar, "PLAY HARD OR GO HOME!- PROVIDING WORLD CLASS CUSTOMER SERVICE AND CREATING A SUPERB TEAM," on Wednesday,

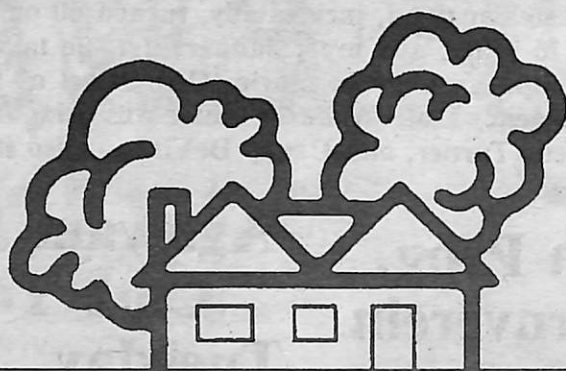
March 1st from 6:30-8:30 p.m. cost is \$20 per person.

Both programs will be held at Best Western Hotel, Route 5, in West Springfield. Advance registration is highly recommended by calling 1-800-874-7189 or 565-5000. E-mail inquiries may be sent: [Info@DrSteveSobel.Com](mailto:Info@DrSteveSobel.Com).

Dr. Sobel is the author of "The Good Times Handbook-Your Guide To Positive Living and an Exciting Life" and the video "Teambuilding-Recognizing The Positive Effects of Positive People."

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## "Born To Be Wild" (???)...



RETIRED AGAWAM POLICE OFFICER Terry Letellier and Carmon Casey Aversa take off for the first ride of the millennium. After filling the gas tank at Larry's Shell, they drove to Giovanni's for coffee. Letellier (who, incidentally, turned 60 on January 10th) has been riding this motorcycle for 16 years, and every January 1st, he takes it out for a spin. Interestingly, this motorcycle appeared in the movie "The Jewel of the Nile," and Letellier stayed in the Hyatt Beach Regency Hotel while the movie was being filmed. The movie's stars — Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, and Danny DeVito — also stayed at the same hotel.

Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

### January 16th Prog. At Spfld. Turnverein

The German Cultural Program for January will be held on Sunday, January 16th at 2:30 at the Springfield Turnverein.

The program will feature a film, "The Rhine River Journey," which traces the Rhine from its source in the Swiss Alps to its mouth in the North Sea. Refreshments will follow. No admission charge.

The Springfield Turnverein is located at 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills (at the Garden Street Exit of Route 57).

The Winterfest Dinner and Dance will be held on January 22nd. A dinner of beef rouladen, potatoes, and vegetables will be served from 6:30 until 7:30.

The Ritchie Mitnick Duo will provide the music for dancing. Admission for the evening is \$14 per person. Admission for dancing only is \$7 per person. Reservations deadline is Monday, January 17th. Call the Turnverein at 786-0924 after 4:00 p.m.

### Agawam Jr. Women's Club To Meet On Tuesday, January 18th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its first meeting of the New Year on January 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House.

The club's activities enrich the quality of life in our community through a variety of educational, social, and cultural projects and programs. Come to have fun, meet new friends, and get involved.

For more information, call Theresa Conklin at 786-6515. The club meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Leonard House.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Massachusetts.

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MR. & MRS. PAUL J. NICOSIA

### Jennifer A. Domaingue Becomes Bride Of Paul J. Nicosia

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Springfield was the setting for the October 16, 1999 wedding of Jennifer Ann Domaingue and Paul J. Nicosia.

Parents of the bride and Carol & Al Domaingue of Agawam. The bridegroom is the son of Barbara Nicosia of Enfield, CT, and the late Salvatore Nicosia.

Stefanie M. Domaingue attended her sister as maid of honor. Nathan Westall served the bridegroom as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School, Holyoke Community College, and is currently attending Westfield State College. She is a preschool teacher at KinderCare in Springfield.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Enfield High School in Enfield, CT, and attended Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, CT. He is an operations manager for Ames Department Store in Chicopee.

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For many people, the end of the 1900s and the dawning of a new millennium brings with it the hope that life will be different. Yet one doesn't have to be endowed with the gift of prophecy to know that life is destined to continue as it was in the last millennium. For example, we can be

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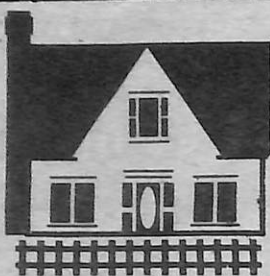


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## Your Neighbors

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### Jessie Fuller — Dedicated To Improving Town of Agawam

Jessie Fuller of Peros Drive has had a love affair with the Town of Agawam. She cares about the people and the town, and improving it without regard to politics has been her motivation for a long time.

A former Town Council member and a former member of the School Committee, she has worked on many committees and organizations in her effort to see the town grow meaningfully.

Jessie's parents were of Scottish background. Her mother, Jean Low Harris, came to this country from Scotland via Canada. Although born in this area, her father was the son of Scottish immigrants.

Jessie graduated from Holyoke High School and attended LaSelle Junior College for one year before joining the Waves Medical Corps in 1941, the year World War II started. Along the way she had two years' student work at Burbank Hospital and additional training in Maryland. She served 18 months and left service in 1943 when her mother became ill.

She graduated from the Dental Hygiene Course at Temple University, Philadelphia, and worked as a dental hygienist in Northampton Schools and eventually also Kensington Avenue School in Springfield.

Jessie married Stanley Fuller in 1947 and they became the parents of Alison Fluery of Agawam and the Rev. Mark Fuller, a minister in Canton, Ohio. Since Stanley worked at Pratt and Whitney in Connecticut and Jessie worked in Northampton and Kensington Avenue schools, it was decided to move to Agawam. Stanley worked nights and Jessie days so they could care for their children. Jessie became the first dental hygienist for Dr. Paul Query of Agawam. She retired in 1979, and Stanley died in 1982.

Her desire to move this town forward resulted in 12 years on the School Committee and six years, or three terms, on the Town Council.

In the 1970's, the Agawam Concerned Citizens organization became a special interest, with concern about drug abuse and aiding youth. This work is currently done by the Agawam Counseling Center on Southwick Street.

#### Recipient Of Many Awards

Among her many awards are "The Republican of the Year" and the "Andrew Gallano Award" given by the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center annually to a person outstanding in aid to seniors. Jessie is a member of the Agawam chapter of American Association of Retired Persons and a past president of five years. She is a member and past president of the Agawam Women's Club, and is a past president of the disbanded Feeding Hills Women's Club.

There was a "Jessie Fuller Day" in Agawam on October 8, 1992 when former Mayor Christopher C. Johnson presented a plaque to Jessie.

Jessie serves on the SALT Council, which is directed by Sheriff Michael Ashe, Agawam Police Chief Robert Campbell, and District Attorney William Bennett. She explained that it meets at the Senior Center to encourage input from seniors and exchange ideas with SALT members from other towns.

This group encouraged the "Vials of Life" program that provides health information in vials on refrigerator doors for emergency crews in the homes of seniors. Also, the "Are You O.K.?" Program that gives senior residents a daily phone call from the police station was founded by this group.

"Wonderful" was the adjective used to describe a three-month course with the Agawam Citizens' Police Academy by Jessie in 1996. She also does outreach work for senior citizens and is one of five members of the Agawam Veterans' Council working on the State Veterans' Cemetery with Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas.

Jessie is a member of the Agawam Congregational Church and likes to do crossword puzzles. In response to a comment on the large number of activities she maintains, Jessie replied, "I'm my father's girl! Even when I was little, they seemed to have a hard time keeping track of me."

Patriotic and proud of her family, Jessie said her dad was credited with saving his ship, the U.S. Remlik, in World War I. John Spear MacKenzie's citation, signed by then Secretary of War Franklin D. Roosevelt, and other memorabilia were given by Jessie to the Navy Museum in Washington. MacKenzie Field in Holyoke is named after Jessie's father. Jessie has submitted the name for inclusion in the National Historic Commission.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Jessie Fuller with her son, Rev. Mark Fuller. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Fuller receives a plaque from Mayor Christopher C. Johnson on "Jessie Fuller Day" (October 8, 1992). Right photo by Jack Devine.

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## Church News

### News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "A Marriage of Three." The Bible reading is Isaiah 62:1-5. Lani Kretschmar will be Lector.

Ushers will be Sue and Greg Boisvert. Rich Rozanski and Nick Pelter will be our Acolytes. Debbie Donaldson will be our Coffee House Hostess.

Children, who are invited to attend worship with adults, will leave for Sunday School at a designated time. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

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Confirmants are reminded that the class will meet in Southwick on Wednesday, January 19th, at 6:30 p.m.

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The deadline for submissions to the February issue of the church newsletter is Thursday, January 20th.

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The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 6th. Annual Reports will be due in the Church Office before Monday, January 24th.

The reports will be available for distribution to members on Sunday, January 30th.

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Pre-school is coming to the Feeding Hills Congregational Church! Stop in on Saturday, January 29th, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon for an Open House/Registration for pre-school, which will begin in September.

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On the calendar:

**Saturday, January 15th:** 8:30 a.m., Agawam Parish Association meeting at St. David's.

**Sunday, January 16th:** 10:00 a.m., Worship; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption; 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Cub Scout pack meeting.

**Monday, January 17th:** 4:00 p.m., Daisy Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.

**Tuesday, January 18th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Deacons.

**Wednesday, January 19th:** 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Confirmation (Southwick); 7:00 p.m., Choir.

**Thursday, January 20th:** Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption Bible study.

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### Calendar From Ag. Congregational

At the Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street), worship will be held on January 16th — the Second Sunday after Epiphany — at 10:30 a.m., with Church School at 9:00 a.m. for seventh-through 12th-graders, and at 10:30 a.m. for Crib Room through sixth-graders.

Dr. Eric Bascom, interim pastor, will deliver the second of a four-sermon series on the theme "The Major Functions of a Christian Church," focusing this Sunday on "Servanthood: Diakonia."

During the service, there will be expressions of appreciation given to Dan Pender for his four years of service as Director of Christian Education and to Sue Tapply, who has recently resigned after eight years of service as Director of Family Outreach. (Dan has begun his new position as Director of Christian Education, and Youth Ministry at South Congregational Church in Springfield.)

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Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

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Rev. Eric Bascom's book, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Pulpit," will continue to be on sale.

The \$10 book may be purchased at the church office.

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Call today (786-7111) for your reservations for the Catering Committee's Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, January 22nd, at 5:30 p.m.

The cost is \$7.50 for adults, and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Reservations close on Friday, January 21st, at 12:00 noon.

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For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

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### Chicken Supper At Valley Comm. Church On Sat., January 15th

An astounding discovery has been made in the deep recesses of the Perdue Catacombs — the long lost (and should have remained so) book of I DOUBT ITS by the Pulitzer prize-winning predictor Roosterdamus.

His predictions have astounded scientists throughout the ages for their inaccuracy and this lost edition is thought to be his last chicken scratching before he flew this earthly coop. Here are a few of the headlines he has predicted for the year 2000:

"Times Square Ball to change - Chicken to be dropped"

"Chicken pellets to fuel new rocket engine"

"Sanders calls Perdue Suit chicken feed"

"Scientists disclose new chicken-before-egg theory"

"Paleontologists uncover fossil sabertooth pullets"

"Church Chicken Supper to feed world hungry"

The last entry was of particular interest to us because Valley Community Church was cited as the church most likely to fulfill this incredible, short-sighted prediction. Roosterdamus' final I DOUBT IT is supposed to begin with the first chicken supper of the Millennium to be held Saturday, January 15th from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

This supper consists of half a baked chicken, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, roll and butter, beverage, and your choice of homemade dessert. The modest cost for this delectable feast is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Many of Roosterdamus' faithful are expected to flock to this supper to actually witness whether or not this prophecy will fly. When chicken supper aficionados Jeff & Mel Hill were asked to comment on this last forecast, both retorted, "I DOUBT IT!"

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## Church News - continued...

## Parish News And Notes From St. John's Church

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

Our Parish Newsletter should be in your mailbox by now. It has been several years since the parish has had one, and the Parish Council (through Communications Commissioner Bill Sullivan) embarked on the project.

Donna Gregory and Lisa Krassler tackled the job of not only gathering and editing the project, but they also prepared the newsletters for mailing. For the next issue, we will need some assistance, as many hands will make the process relatively simple.

We tried to glean the computer list to send just one copy to each household. Please let us know if we were successful and if the head of the house (our goal) received the copy.

It is a great start and we salute the team who did such a masterful job.

### MEN'S RETREAT

Wives, mothers, and sweethearts! So you want your husbands, sons, and fiances to be better men in just two days? It can be done while they are on retreat.

Remind them of the Parish Retreat on February 11th at the Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford. Make reservations for them if they agree. Just call Ray Provost at 786-6483.

### ORDINARY TIME ONCE AGAIN

With the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we conclude the Christmas season and return to Ordinary Time; that is, the numbering of Sundays until the end of the year.

This numbering will be interrupted by Lent and the Easter season, but there will be 34 Sundays in green vestments as well look forward to the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus.

May this jubilee year be one of special grace for all of our families.

### OVER-60 CLUB

A trip to the Bushnell to see "Ragtime" will take place on January 16th at 2:00 p.m.

Those who did not attend the January 6th meeting and who signed up for the Bushnell, please call Lil at 786-9586 as soon as possible.

### THREE KINGS PAGEANT

Our youngsters staged The Three Kings Pageant last Sunday to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. A good crowd was on hand as they handled their material quite well. It was nice to see so many families together on a Sunday afternoon enjoying each other.

Annette Reynolds and her team worked very hard with the cast, and (though a bit tired) they must have been very pleased. We hope we have begun a new tradition.

## Announcements From Sacred Heart Church

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT

A Confirmation Retreat for the 11th-grade Confirmation Class will be held on Tuesday, January 25th, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### MASS OF BLESSING (For Engaged Couples)

Once again, our diocese will celebrate a special "Mass of Blessing for Engaged Couples." The date is Sunday, February 13th, at 2:00 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Dupre and will take place at St. Michael's Cathedral Parish in Springfield.

If you are recently engaged or getting married within the year and would like to attend this special Mass, simply give the parish rectory a call so that we can submit your names to the Family Life Office. A special invitation will be sent from our Bishop.

### MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

Dear Parishioners:

I recently received a letter explaining that a diocesan team will be offering training sessions in bereavement ministry. It will start with an introductory meeting, followed by three two-hour sessions dealing with various aspects of the grieving process. The training that will be provided is based on the elements found in *A Ministry of Consolation*, a program that has been successful in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. More information will be provided as the time for these sessions comes near.

Fr. Ron  
Sr. Eileen

### CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Cathedral High School's second Placement Exam will be held on Saturday, January 29th. The Placement Exam will be given at Cathedral, starting at 8:00 a.m. Parent pick-up is 12:00 noon.

A completed admission's application is needed for registration with a check for \$25 made out to Cathedral High School. For more information, please call the Cathedral Admissions Office at 782-5285.

### PARISH CUPBOARD (Open Pantry)

Our monthly collection for the Agawam/West Springfield Parish Cupboard (Open Pantry) will be this weekend, January 15th/16th. Many non-perishable items are needed; some are canned tuna, meats, vegetables, and fruits.

Other non-perishable items are always welcome, as are monetary donations.

## Roast Pork Dinner Slated At Agawam Congregational

The Catering Committee of the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, invites you to their Roast Pork Dinner to be served on Saturday, January 22nd, at 5:30 p.m.

Cost for the dinner is \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. You may call the church office at 786-7111 with your reservations. (Reservations will close on Friday, January 21st, at 12:00 noon.)

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## Reflections...

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## There Is Great Hope In His Name

It seems that these days, we are more often than not likely to hear the name of Jesus Christ uttered as a swear word than referencing the Lord by name. Has that ever struck you as odd? After all, we never hear Buddha's or Mohammed's name invoked as a curse. It causes us to wonder, doesn't it? Who, or what, is behind this abuse of Jesus Christ's name?

Perhaps the reason that Jesus' name is so abused is because He really is the Lord, and is the supreme object of hatred of the evil spirits of this world. The Bible describes Satan as a roaring lion who prowls around, looking for someone to devour. The devil's goal for each of us is to separate us from God and to keep us from reaching our full potential as people who know we are loved and cared for by God. One of the ways the devil seeks to accomplish his miserable purpose in people's lives is to heap abuse upon the very name of the Lord. It may be that the devil figures that if we hear the name of Jesus spoken often enough as a curse, we'll come to hate His name and all that He stands for. Curse words are intended to grate on our nerves; that's their power in the first place.

Certainly, the abuse of Jesus' name does not originate with God. In direct contrast with the abuse heaped upon Jesus and His name, God's word speaks of Him glowingly, in both the Old and the New Testaments. The Bible describes Jesus in terms which should inspire us to want to know Him, rather than to feel repulsed by Him.

Speaking for God, the prophet Isaiah said of Him; **Here is My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift His voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed He will not break, and a dimly burning wick He will not quench.**

Speaking about Himself, Jesus told His disciples, **"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."** It is really nothing short of amazing that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, is described by

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## Happy "16th" Birthday, Scott!

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the Old Testament, as well as by Himself, as a servant. That characterization is one of the many things which distinguish Christianity from all of the other religious systems in the world. Jesus, who is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, who sustains all things by His powerful word, chooses to be known to us and by us as a servant. That doesn't mean we should think poorly of Jesus; John the Baptist said of Him, **"The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals."**

Jesus is further described as **"My chosen, in whom My soul delights."** Sometimes people complain that there should be several ways to heaven; perhaps we should each be able to forge our own paths according to our own interests or desire. However, that's not the way it works. Jesus said, **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."** It was God's place to choose how we should relate to Him, and He has made His choice known. The New Testament says of Jesus, **He was chosen before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.**

**"I have put My Spirit upon Him."** When Jesus began His public ministry, He said, **"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."** The New Testament speaks about how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. Jesus did not rely upon people power; He relied upon God's power, to do God's will.

Jesus makes the blessing and grace of God available to everybody. There is nobody who is excluded; **a bruised reed He will not break, and a dimly burning wick He will not quench.** God understands us through and through; we do not need to put on airs or attempt to impress Him with spiritual bravado. Do any among us feel broken by life? With our divorce rates, crime rates, and bankruptcy filing rates, it's a good bet there's brokenness all around us. Are any among us feeling weak in faith, like our faith looks more like a dimly burning wick than anything else, and therefore, we feel like we're unacceptable to God? God doesn't see it that way. There's a song which says in part, **"There is great hope in His name, there is power to heal the lame, He will mend the broken reed, nurse a dying wick to flame, there is great hope and power in His name. There is great hope in His name, we will never be the same, because the love that conquers fear, will bring a little heaven here, there is great hope and power in His name."**

## Rev. Eric Bascom's Book Available At Ag. Congregational

Rev. Eric Bascom's book, *"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Pulpit,"* is now on sale at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Published by WeeBee Books, this 142-page book would make an ideal Christmas gift. The cost is \$10 per copy.

According to Rev. Bascom, getting ready to be a minister is not quite the straightforward process people take it to be. The actual path is fraught with pitfalls and pratfalls; a comical mix of earnest expectations, brought low by a hooded gang of vulgar circumstances, leaving the budding man of the cloth gasping for breath and seeking escape.

The student pastor who tumbled into the hole while conducting a burial, the organist who played Bach with three pairs of glasses on her nose, and the unfortunate man who caught a ride from Bar Harbor to Bangor and made it in record time (only to get out too soon), are a few of the characters.

The author of *"Up Where the House Burned Down"* now tells his own stories: a refreshing collection of anecdotes about growing up poor but hilarious, and pursuing the tangled trail into ministry. Admired for his preaching and storytelling, he has an insider's view of the oldest profession, what it is, and what it takes to get there.

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## Spotlight On Business



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### Is Your Tank On Empty??...

Remember the last time you were driving down the road and noticed that your gas tank was on "empty"? How did you feel? If you're like most of us, you started feeling just a little anxious.

You probably began thinking about how and when you would find a gas station. You might have even wondered (for a few seconds) what it would be like if you ran out of gas. With your imagination in high gear, you would have visualized yourself trudging on foot to the nearest gas station, buying a can of gas (including the can!), then hiking back to the car. What a trip!

Now switch scenarios. Recall how you felt when you just filled the tank. You are confidently driving with an ample reserve of gas. No worries about fuel; no anxiety about running out.

Having plenty of fuel for your car is very similar to having reserves for yourself. When you are running on "empty" with regard to time, money, space, love, faith, satisfaction, or companionship, you will feel the same negative emotions you felt when driving with an empty gas tank.

So, what's the answer? Build reserves of all these things you need in your life. Do what you have to do to create more than enough love, attention, space, time, money, and so on.

Let's get something straight first. Building a reserve of something you need in your life is only one part of the puzzle. The other piece is to identify what is draining your reserves. If you're pouring into the top of a leaky bucket, you won't make much progress.

For example, let's get started by examining how to create reserves of time. Many of my friends and clients complain of having too little time. Their "time tank" is running on empty, so they feel uptight, frustrated, flustered, pulled in every direction, and tired.

Often, this is the first thing we work on together. Clearly, a reserve of time would reduce the stress. So, how do you do it?

Start by plugging the leaks. Take aggressive action, such as:

- **Reduce interruptions.** Interruptions can drain one to two hours a day. Rather than spend time with anyone who happens to stop by, close the door, turn off the phone, or work from home one day a week.

- **Reduce the clutter.** Is your desk or credenza piled with pending and unfinished work that will be done when you "get around to it"? The average businessperson spends three hours each week looking for things, plus two hours being distracted by the stuff lying around. The most effective people work from a clean desk. An uncluttered desk helps you stay focused on your most important project.

- **Dump useless tasks.** Quit doing some of the routine things you do just because "that's what I've always done." Practice good priority management. Plan each day to stay focused on those tasks that will move you toward your goals. Watch for tasks that can be delegated or simply dropped.

As you plug the leaks that drain off your reserves of time, start to create even more time. Here are a few ways to do this:

- **Stop the "crisis management."** Ever feel that you're leaving a trail of unfinished projects, unreturned phone calls, unread mail, and/or partially completed reports? Crises arise from jobs we left unfinished to work on other unfinished tasks. Another term for crisis management is "fire fighting." Most of this is really caused by losing focus of true priorities. Learn to tell the difference between "urgent" and "important."

- **Plan better.** You accomplish the most when you know exactly what you want to accomplish. Decide what is really important in your life. What can you delegate? What can you simply drop?

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You can't manage time, only your priorities.

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How about another example of creating reserves? If you wanted to create a reserve of money, what could you do? Start by plugging the leaks. Take aggressive action to stop wasting money; do what you have to do to avoid late-payment penalties, shop wisely (with a list), look for deals, and pay off the credit cards.

As you plug the leaks that drain off your reserves of money, start to create even more money. To do this, you might: turn a hobby into a business, save at least 25 percent of income, develop sources of passive income, raise your prices by adding more value, and/or make a financial plan.

OK, back to reserves now. You can see that we were shifting from being a "spender of time and money" to being "an investor of time and money." Start today to plug the leaks and create ample reserves for yourself in all the areas where you have needs.

Some suitable candidates are time, money, space, safety/security, ideas, opportunities, friends, love, attention, self-esteem, confidence, energy, and gas in the tank.

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## Landry, Lyons, S & Y Announces New Agent

Charles E. Reiter, President of Landry, Lyons, Stearns & Yerrall/Better Homes and Gardens® is pleased to announce that Senay Askik has joined the firm's Longmeadow Shops office as a sales agent.

Prior to joining Landry, Lyons, Stearns & Yerrall, Ms. Askik worked as an Office Manager for K.J. Green & Associates, Inc. and Gregory H. Arabiar & Associates, P.C. she holds an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Bosphorus University in Turkey. Ms. Askik currently resides in Agawam.

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## Allen Lawnmower Purchases Palmer Saw/Lawnmower

Longtime outdoor power equipment retailer Allen Lawnmower has announced the purchase of Palmer Saw and Lawnmower from owners Douglas and Ginny Thurn.

The announcement was made by John Alves, Allen's vice president and general manager, at the company's Agawam headquarters.

Palmer Saw and Lawnmower was founded by the Thurns more than two decades ago, and operates from its original location on Route 20 in Palmer. It will be managed by Dick Roy, an Allen Lawnmower employee of more than 13 years who most recently served as sales manager at the company's Enfield location.

Along with its new name, the breadth and depth of inventory will be substantially expanded at the Palmer location, says Alves, who lists Honda and TroyBilt among the brands that will now supplement Husqvarna and Snapper equipment in the showroom. Commercial-grade products for the landscaper and groundskeeper will also be introduced.

According to Alves, the company made the Palmer acquisition specifically "to serve our growing customer base in Ludlow, Palmer, Wilbraham, and the surrounding areas. We were fortunate to find an existing business which placed the same priority on customer service and family pride that we do."

Allen celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1997, and credits family ownership for much of its success. "We don't see a half century in business as any reason to slow down," says Alves, "quite the opposite. We love what we do, and are always looking for ways to show our appreciation to our customers. Establishing convenient retail locations is one way of doing that." The company intends to offer its full range of services in Palmer, including lifetime free pickup and delivery.

Palmer is Allen Lawnmower's third retail site, and the first branch since the company opened its Enfield store in 1993. With a 5,200 sq. ft. showroom and a 50,000 sq. ft. total facility, the Agawam headquarters now has one of the largest outdoor power equipment displays in New England.

Allen Lawnmower is owned by brothers Donald and Sonny McLean, whose father started the business in 1947. The McLeans also own EDM Distributors, one of New England's largest outdoor power equipment wholesalers.

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### Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

by Sue & Charlie Alvanos  
Personal Financial Advisors  
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#### International Financial Survey Shows Retirement Is Top U.S. Financial Goal

Are you worried about having enough money for retirement? If so, you're in good company, according to a recent survey conducted by American Express.

The survey of more than 10,000 consumers in 10 countries found that 47 percent of U.S. respondents are primarily concerned about saving enough to retire. By contrast, the survey found unemployment a top concern in Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, France, and Italy; high taxes the dominant issue in Germany and Japan; and funding a child's education the major financial goal in India.

**Low savings rates a universal concern.** While survey respondents differed in their financial concerns and goals, nearly all said they were not saving or investing enough. In only two countries — the United Kingdom and India — did a majority of consumers think they were putting enough away for the future. In Hong Kong and Italy, 37 percent and 35 percent, respectively, said they were not saving at all.

Except in Germany, more than a quarter of those surveyed said they were not confident they were setting aside enough money specifically for retirement. In Japan, fully 55 percent of respondents said they weren't tucking away enough for their golden years.

**How to avoid being a statistic.** If you're one of the many Americans worried they haven't invested enough for a comfortable retirement, take heart. Here are several steps to ease your anxiety and help build your next egg.

**Step 1. Define your retirement goal.** To attain your objective, you have to know what you want. Instead of just hoping you can retire someday, decide precisely when you want to stop working and what you really want to do in your retirement years.

Perhaps you'd like to retire at age 55 and live in the mountains. Or maybe you'd like to work beyond age 62 and then travel, start new hobbies, or become a volunteer in your community. If you

love your job, you may even want to keep working at least part-time throughout your retirement years.

**Step 2. Estimate your expenses.** Once you've decided when and how you want to retire, make your best estimate of what your lifestyle and monthly expenses will be. Don't forget to consider inflation. Your work-related costs such as clothing, dry cleaning, commuting, parking, and lunches will likely decrease, while outlays for hobbies, traveling, and medical coverage may increase.

**Step 3. Identify income sources.** Your retirement income will most likely come from several sources, including Social Security. You can get an estimate of the monthly benefit you'll receive from the Social Security Administration by calling (800) 772-1213 and requesting a Personal Earnings and Benefits Estimate Statement. All U.S. workers age 25 and older should begin receiving a statement automatically each year about three months before the month they were born.

In addition to Social Security benefits, other retirement income sources may include a company pension, 401(k), or IRA. Add all your projected retirement income from these sources to see if it will be sufficient to meet your projected retirement lifestyle and expenses.

**Step 4. Create a plan to close the gaps.** Don't be discouraged if your projected income falls short of your estimated retirement expenses. You may be able to bridge this gap by following an investment plan that helps you accumulate the needed funds. A knowledgeable financial advisor is an excellent resource to help identify your long-term financial goals and develop a plan to help you reach them.

Maximizing contributions to your 401(k) or other retirement plan offered through your employer is a primary way to save more for retirement. With pre-tax deferral, ongoing tax deferral, and possible employer match, such plans can be an effective way to build retirement wealth (taxes on contributions and earnings are payable when withdrawn). Depending on your situation, IRAs (traditional or Roth), tax-derred annuities, and taxable investments may also make sense to help reach your financial goals.

**Now's the time to start.** Even if you want to retire in just five or 10 years, your regular investments — and any compounded earnings — may make a big difference in your nest egg later. The key is to start saving and investing for retirement now. With planning, if a survey worker calls and asks if you're worried about having enough money for retirement, you may be able to say "not at all."

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**Spotlight On Business - continued...****Legal  
Memo**

by

**Alan L. Ferrigno, Esq.**  
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**Negligence****Boating - Accident - Homeowner's Policy**

In 1996, a family held a waterfront party at their summer cottage. At one point an invited guest borrowed a rowboat belonging to the family. He placed his two-year-old daughter in the boat with him and began floating on an adjacent pond.

At the same time, one of the family's teenage children offered to take several other guests water-skiing on the same pond. Unfortunately, the family speedboat failed to start. Undeterred, the group, led by the teenage daughter, borrowed an 88-horsepower boat from a neighbor, agreeing to pay for any gas consumed.

Shortly thereafter, the group began water-skiing two at a time. The invited guest maneuvered the rowboat toward a nearby dock near the middle of the pond so he and his two year-old daughter could watch the water-skiers. Witnesses verified that the host family's daughter remained at the controls of the speedboat the entire time as pairs of skiers performed various stunts.

At one point, she allegedly piloted the speedboat right next to the and past where the rowboat carrying the two-year-old was docked. At the same moment, for unexplained reasons, both water-skiers allegedly released their grip to the towlines.

The taut yet uncontrolled lines shot toward the two-year-old, struck her in the face, and catapulted her out of the rowboat. The father dove into the pond and rescued his daughter, who was semi-conscious and bleeding from the bridge of her nose and forehead.

She was rushed to the hospital for initial treatment and immediately transported to a children's hospital. There, she was diagnosed as suffering from "abrasions of both cheeks, forehead, and dorsum of nose." Upon her discharge, her parents were instructed to apply Neosporin ointment to the affected areas daily.

As a consequence, the abrasions initially suffered by the child gradually faded and disappeared in their entirety. The child was left with no residual scars, injuries, or complications.

Initially, the homeowner's insurance company denied coverage based on an exclusion for "watercraft powered by outboard motors with more than 25 horsepower." The plaintiff's counsel argued that the positioning of the defendant's rowboat (a non-motorized craft) contributed to the accident. Through investigation, plaintiff's counsel was able to discover an additional insurance policy insuring the defendant's main residence.

Negotiation led to a settlement whereby commensurate payments were made under both policies maintained by the defendant homeowner. The amount of the settlement was for \$100,000.00.

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Choose a full-time professional who specializes in residential real estate and who has specific knowledge of the local real estate and mortgage markets. The person you choose should listen to you and be interested enough in you to find out about your housing needs and preferences.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

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**OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM**  
**REGARDING THE AGAWAM**  
**MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Agawam acquired the former Agawam Country Club in 1993 and began municipal operation of the golf course in 1994;

WHEREAS, under the direction of the Agawam Municipal Golf Commission the town has successfully operated the former Agawam Country Club generating a revenue surplus in each of the past six fiscal years;

WHEREAS, the Agawam Municipal Golf Commission changed the name of the golf course from Agawam Country Club to the Agawam Municipal Golf Course to better reflect the town's ownership and operation of the facility;

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam Town Council hereby makes the following amendments to Sec-

tion 3-8.1 of the Code of the Town of Agawam entitled Municipal Golf Commission effective upon passage:

I. Change the reference in Paragraph A of Section 3-8.1 from "Agawam Country Club" to "Agawam Municipal Golf Course", and

II. Change the reference in Paragraph D of Section 3-8.1 from "Agawam Country Club" to "Agawam Municipal Golf Course".

Dated this 21st day of DECEMBER, 1999.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

DONALD M. RHEAULT, Council President

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Thomas S. Locke, Solicitor

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# For Your Health



## Your Back And Your Health

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### Chiropractic Care For Whiplash...

A new study published in the journal of orthopedic medicine 1999; 21 (1): 22-25, points out the superiority of chiropractic care for chronic whiplash patients.

Whiplash is most commonly associated with rear-end car collisions in which the heads of those in the front car are suddenly snapped back and forth by the impact. It is more accurately called cervical acceleration/deceleration (CAD) trauma or syndrome, which describes the rapid movements that can injure the vertebrae of the neck and the muscles and ligaments that support them.

Anyone can be subjected to whiplash, even in a low-force car crash at speeds as low as 5 mph. But injuries associated with whiplash can also result from other mishaps in which the head is pushed or jerked beyond its normal range of motion.

Whiplash most commonly causes serious and lingering neck pain, but there may also be back pain, headaches, and dizziness. Inasmuch as bruising of the brain can sometimes occur in auto accidents and similarly severe causes of whiplash, some victims have experienced blurred vision, ringing in the ears, nausea, and numbness.

#### What Can Chiropractic Do?

The sudden accident that caused the whiplash in the first place may fade into memory, but the physical and psychological damage of whiplash can become chronic, eroding a victim's quality of life.

Chiropractic techniques and chiropractors' skills are particularly well-suited to relieving the neck pain and other debilitating effects of whiplash because they can:

- restore movement lost after the accident;
- overcome muscle weakness and enhance muscle tone;
- speed recovery; and...
- diminish chronic symptoms that can persist or recur over many years.

Repeated and effective chiropractic adjustments have proved successful for many thousands of patients. Chiropractic can, in many cases, significantly reduce patients' distress and allow them to return to their normal activities rather than seeing themselves as invalids — as so many whiplash victims do long after their accident.

If you suffer with the symptoms associated with whiplash, call the SCHLAFFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE at 789-1369 or 789-1073. We are here to help.

## Support Groups, Courses, & Programs At Noble Hospital

### SUPPORT GROUPS

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

**Stroke Support Group:** Wednesday, January 26th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons. Participants are encouraged to suggest topics for future meetings.

Call Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., at 568-2811, ext. 5809.

**Diabetes:** Tuesday, January 25th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

For more information, call Karen Ranen, M.S., R.N., C.D.E., at (413) 572-5178.

### COURSES/PROGRAMS/CLINICS

**Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo:** Tuesday, January 18th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

Gary Russolillo, M.D., will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's HEALTH BEAT at (413) 568-2328.

**CPR Course:** Wednesdays, January 19th & 26th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant Certification. The cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's Education Department at (413) 572-5172.

**Coping In The New Millennium:** A presentation by Judi Orr, R.N., M.S., Program Director, Noble Hospital Psychiatric Services. Thursday, January 20th, 2:00 p.m. Crane Building Auditorium, The American Inn at Sawmill Park, Route 202, Southwick.

More often than not, our daily lives are a juggling act. From time to time, all of us are subject to events that can disrupt our plans and sometimes interrupt our lives and dreams.

Judi Orr will talk about creating balance in your life, the signs and symptoms of stress, and strategies for regaining balance.

This program is free of charge and open to the public. Call HEALTH BEAT at (413) 568-2328 to register and for directions. Refreshments provided.

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**Our deadline is Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, our office WILL BE OPEN on Monday, January 17th (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day).**

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## Fitness Tips...

by  
Carmela Kirk, R.N.  
Fitness Director  
Fitness First



### Exercise And Illness

Deciding whether or not to work out when you are sick can be a difficult decision. Everyone seems to have one bug or another this time of year. Sometimes it is serious, sometimes it is not, sometime's it's not quite clear.

You want to keep your workout going, but you don't want to impede your recovery. The first thing to do is check with your health care provider to be sure it is okay to continue exercise at this time.

Also, listen to your common sense. If you feel rotten, rest. There are some risks with exercising while you are ill, there are some symptoms that tell you not to exercise when you are ill and there are some benefits of exercise at this time, too.

One major risk of exercising while ill is heatstroke and heat exhaustion. This risk is present during hot and humid weather conditions. This risk is also present when the body is sick or feverish; it doesn't deal with overheating as well.

The other main risk is making whatever illness you are suffering from worse. Illnesses like bronchitis may progress to pneumonia if you're not careful. There is temporary dip in your immune system that has been documented with strenuous exercise. Sometimes that extra day or two of rest will help you heal faster and get back to full strength sooner. The last risk is simply the transmission of your illness to others around you.

There are some symptoms that tell you to avoid exercise. Avoid exercise completely if you have a fever, muscle aches, shakes, chills, or vomiting. All these symptoms say your illness, whether it is viral or bacterial, is at its peak and you need rest.

This means the germ is present in high amounts in your bloodstream and you are running a high risk of spreading your infection to other fragile areas of your body, like your heart. Also, don't exercise if you have significant symptoms below the neck. Things like a deep chest cough or wheezing, abdominal cramping, or diarrhea are good reasons not to exercise.

There are some benefits you may find with exercise and illness. At the end of your cold, exercise is a natural decongestant and may help clear up some upper respiratory symptoms. That natural pick-me-up feeling associated with the end of your workout can do wonders for that low energy feeling during recovery after an illness.

There are signs that tell you if you are overdoing it. A high resting heart rate and rapidly becoming fatigued are some. Pay attention to your body. If it is asking for rest, give in. Drink plenty of fluids and start light. Use common sense; if your body says "no," it means "no."



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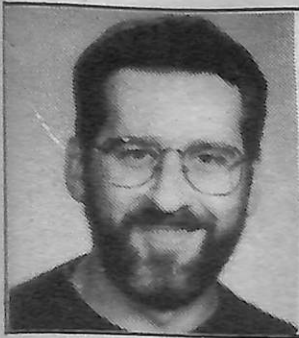
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## For Your Health - continued...

**"Let's Talk About It"**

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Marriage &  
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**The Complexity Of Keeping It Simple**

Simply put, "Why am I spending all this time over the past several weeks writing about the issue of complexity? Why don't I just keep it simple?" This was one of the pieces of feedback that greeted me this new year.

Not bad advice! So, I will attempt to keep this article simple. I guess I could end this article right now. But that would quickly get real complex for me because it would immediately bring up the complexity of how it feels to be back home not dealing with any issues by simply just dropping it. No conversation - no problem.

Or, I guess, I could pretend things are not really complex and imagine a more simple time in my life. But my problem with that one is that I'd have to be able to remember. I suppose I've experienced pure simplicity, perhaps as a very young child, but my earliest memories seem painfully complex, riddled with alcoholism and varying degrees of abuse surrounding me.

Well, I could try the popular idea that, "I could simply start all over again. Begin today!" You know what they mean by this. Just go on as if there is no history influencing today or the future! But I'm too afraid of that one, too! I'm fearful that the reality of my past will somehow recreate and repeat itself today in my marriage and/or relationship with my children and others.

I know, I've got it! Perhaps, I could join a support group or therapy group of some kind. Maybe that would help? Or maybe I'm just not reading

the right books? Or better yet, if only I dropped to my knees and gave it up to God. Then perhaps things would be more simple.

I hesitate to say this, but I've either tried or am trying these and other such options. However, they each seem to carry with it a certain inter-related level of complexity.

Can you help me and other readers? Could you write, call or e-mail me with your feedback about how to "keep it simple"? Or would that be too complex? Too much work?

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The calendar seems to be moving along without the big computer bug bite. We were all warned about its possibilities and feared it would make life even more complex than it is already. Perhaps we can all be grateful for all the complex systemic adjustments taken to preempt the bite.

I don't really know where to go from here, except to say that trying to "get it" or to "keep it simple" is hard work! It has been hard to attempt this for you today. I've even not talked about a number of other considerations that could possibly help us live a more simple life.

Would you please make the effort to provide me with your ideas about how to "keep it simple" and I'll compile them and report back to you in the coming weeks. Wow! Maybe just having other people pitch in with some of their ideas can help make things more simple. At least then it wouldn't feel like I'd be all alone in this ocean of complexity.

The complexity of making it simple.

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"Let's Talk about it" is a regular weekly feature from Dan Pender, MA., M.F.T. Marriage & Family Therapist. Dan maintains a private practice in Agawam, MA. He is a Clinical member of the American Association of Marriage & Family Therapy. He is also a local professional Church educator and can be reached by e-mail (AOL screen name: dpmft449) or P.O. Box 449, Agawam, MA 01001, (413) 789-4460. Please respond with your feedback, relationship questions and topics and "Let's Talk about it."

## Free Educational Program For Newly Diagnosed Diabetics At Mercy Hospital

Newly diagnosed diabetics will benefit from "Know Diabetes, Know Yourself," a free educational program offered by the Joslin Diabetes Center affiliate at Mercy Hospital.

The next session will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. It will be held in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St. Topics include an introduction to diabetes, dietary guidelines, a review of diabetes medications, and an overview of complications related to the condition.

Registration is required; call Mercy Hospital's Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024,

and leave your name and telephone number.

The Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS) is a founding member of Catholic Health East, one of the nation's largest health care systems. Catholic Health East facilities serve communities in eastern states from Maine to Florida.

The SPHS' member organizations provide hospital and ambulatory care, rehabilitation, behavioral health services, nursing home care, retirement living, employee health services, home care, and more.

## 6th Annual Dinner Dance Slated For Epilepsy Awareness

The Western Massachusetts Epilepsy Awareness Committee will host its **Sixth Annual Dinner Dance for Epilepsy Awareness** and Exclusive Silent Auction on Saturday evening, February 26th, at Chez Josef in Agawam.

This year's recipient of the "Inspiration for a Cure Award" will be presented to **Bill Murphy**, Executive Director of the Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts & Rhode Island. He will be honored for his commitment and dedication to the many people in the states of Massachusetts and Rhode Island who are affected by epilepsy. He will join our past recipients, Dr. Fred Hirschenfang, Millicent Kelly, L.D., R.D., and Dr. George Howard, to receive this prestigious award.

The Western Massachusetts Epilepsy Awareness Committee is comprised of approximately 20 committee people. Our main goal is to bring epilepsy awareness to our surrounding communities and to raise funds for research and to provide support for organizations that render services to the thousands of people who live with epilepsy every day.

Last year's event raised over \$20,000! It was donated to help fund our very first camp for children who have epilepsy — WEE KAN TU - A CAMP FOR CHAMPS!

This year's proceeds will be donated to the Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts & Rhode Island to help continue the many programs that it offers. The Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts & Rhode Island (EFM & RI) is the only not-for-profit organization serving the more than 80,000 people from these states that live with epilepsy and seizure disorders.

Last year, we had over 700 people in attendance! Please come and show your support for **Bill Murphy**, the Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts & Rhode Island, and for The Western Massachusetts Epilepsy Awareness Committee.

For more information, please call Carol Pietroniro at (413) 786-9452.

*If you add a little to a little,  
And then do it again,  
Soon that little shall be much.*

- Hesoid

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## Let's Get Fit In 2000...

For the year 2000, many of us commit to losing weight and becoming fit for the new year. This is a great goal, but few people seem to be able to maintain their reduced weight over time.

I've always felt that the more knowledge one has regarding why it is important to be healthy and fit, the more likely one is to maintain their health.

Here is some great information to encourage us toward that end. A study that was published in the *American Journal of Public Health* revealed that a 10-percent sustained weight loss would:

- reduce the expected number of years of life with hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, and type 2 diabetes;
- reduce the expected lifetime incidence of coronary heart disease and stroke;
- increase average life expectancy by two to seven months; and...

• reduce expected lifetime medical care costs. The authors of this study revealed that a 10-percent weight loss can be achieved through dietary modifications and exercise.

And if that's not enough motivation, another study from the *Archives of Internal Medicine* concluded that consistent physical activity provides modest protection against breast cancer.

WOW! If these aren't good reasons to make positive changes, I don't know what would be!

Commit to change in 2000! Eat right and exercise to reduce heart disease, diabetes, stroke, breast cancer, and increase life expectancy!

*Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.*

## Support Group On How To Stop Smoking

A support group for persons interested in quitting smoking meets Monday, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the fifth floor conference room at Mercy Hospital, 271 Carew St.

Sponsored by the Providence Hospital Tobacco Control Program, the group offers services including individual counseling, cessation groups, alternative health referrals, nicotine replacement therapy, education, and motivational support.

For more information, call the Tobacco Control program, (413) 493-2039 or (413) 535-1000.

Mercy Hospital is a member of the Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS). The SPHS' member organizations provide hospital and ambulatory care, rehabilitation, behavioral health services, nursing home care, retirement living, employee health services, home care, and more.

## Renaissance Manor Of Westfield Receives 3-Year Accreditation

Renaissance Manor of Westfield has achieved a three-year accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Formed in 1951, the Joint Commission is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's healthcare through voluntary accreditation. Renaissance Manor of Westfield received Joint Commission accreditation after an on-site review in November which found Renaissance Manor of Westfield had demonstrated compliance with the Joint Commission's national standards for sub-acute care and long-term care.

"Accreditation standards exceed federal and state requirements," says Marianna Kern Grachek, R.N., C., M.S.N., N.H.A., executive director of Long Term Care Program, Joint Commission. "Further, because this is a voluntary program accreditation represents Renaissance Manor of Westfield's decision to be recognized for its effort to provide quality care."

Bonnie Davis, Administrator of Renaissance Manor of Westfield, praised her caregivers and nonprofessional employees alike in working to meet the Joint Commission's benchmarks of quality. "We have come a long way in the past year or so. Our staff is dedicated to providing the highest quality care to our residents. Our three-year accreditation in both sub-acute care and long-term care demonstrates our efforts towards achieving the highest standards in caring for the elderly. We view this accomplishment as another step toward excellence."

"By achieving accreditation, Renaissance Manor of Westfield has joined a select group of Joint Commission accredited long-term organizations," says Grachek. "Only about 2,000 long-term care organizations have received accreditation nationwide."

## Cancer Support Group Meetings At Mercy Hospital In Spfld.

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The free meetings are conducted Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

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## At Mercy Hospital...

## Prenatal Massage Program Offered At Family Life Center

Whether a woman is anticipating the birth of a child or parenting a newborn, there's a lot of joy, excitement ... and stress. But a massage program offered by the Family Life Center for Maternity at Mercy Hospital can help ease the tensions of this very special time.

Prenatal massage focuses on the changes a woman's body experiences during pregnancy. Sessions relieve stress on weight-bearing joints, alleviate neck and back pain caused by muscle imbalance, and can reduce swelling. Postpartum massage helps new mothers restore their bodies to pre-pregnancy condition while addressing the stress of carrying and caring for a newborn.

Services are provided by a nationally-certified massage therapist with specialized training in massage therapy by childbearing women. Clothed seated massage or traditional massage appointments are available in half-hour or one-hour sessions. Cost varies according to the session; gift certificates are available.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Family Life Center's Parenting Education Department, (413) 748-7295.

## Pulmonary Support Group To Meet Jan. 26th At Mercy Hospital

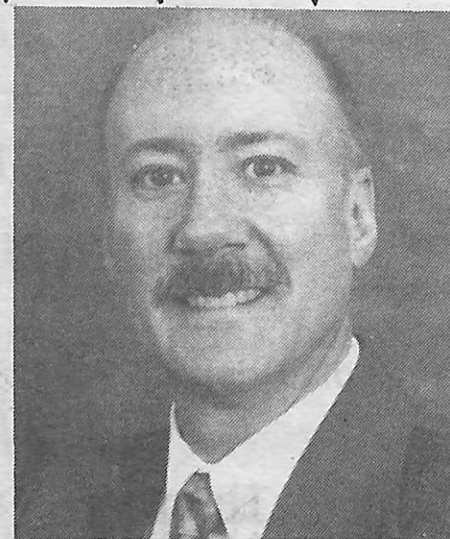
Mercy Hospital's Pulmonary Support Group will meet Wednesday, January 26th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The free group is co-sponsored by the Lung Association, and is designed for those who feel physically or emotionally limited by breathing problems such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, and emphysema.

Meetings offer individuals, their families, and friends the opportunity to share problems and solutions. An informal social period with refreshments is also part of each session.

For more information, call Pulmonary/Neurology Services at Mercy Hospital, (413) 748-9669.

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## Brian L. David Happy Birthday!

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Brian's family is having an Open House to celebrate his birthday. We invite all friends and family to stop by, call, or e-mail your well wishes to Brian.

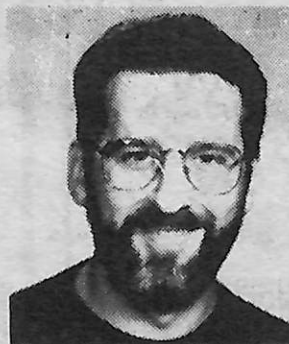
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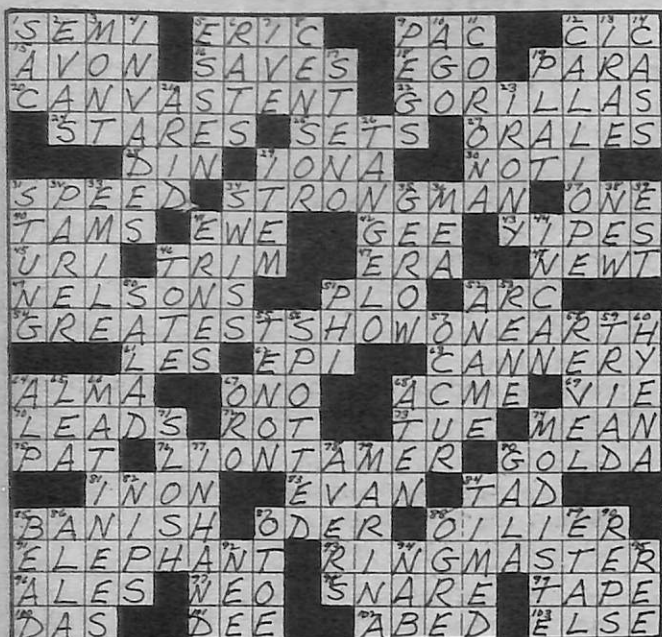






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## Last Week's Solution...

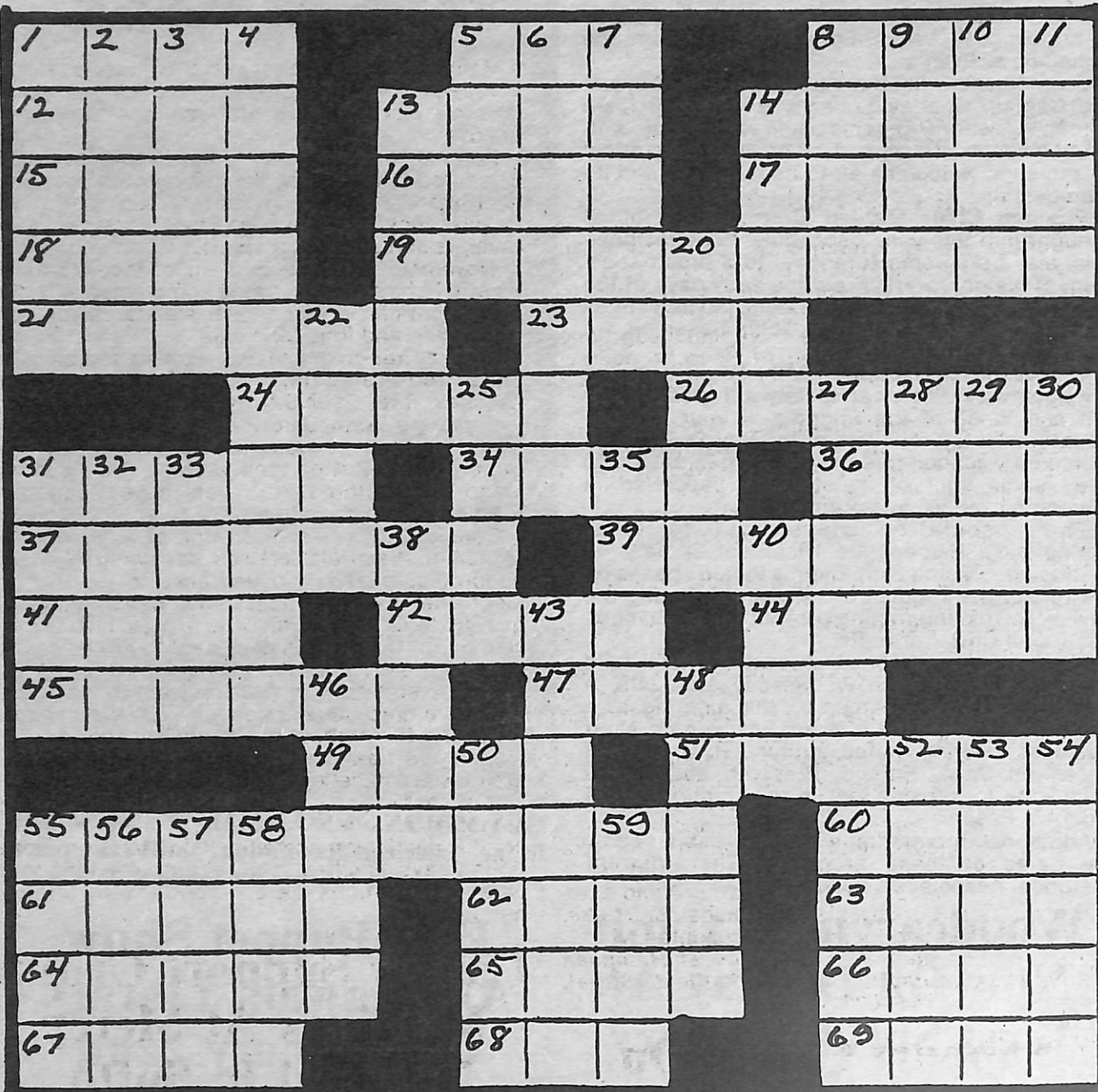


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## Ag. Historical Assoc. Announces Winter- Spring Prog. Schedule

The Agawam Historical Association is pleased to announce its Winter/Spring 2000 Program and Schedule of Events.

All programs will take place on Wednesdays at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam. Programs begin at 7:00 p.m., with refreshments following. The Agawam Historical Association welcomes all to its meetings and its membership.

Program Chair Marilyn Curry put a lot of thought into this year's schedule. "We designed this year's programs to appeal to a broad spectrum of history lovers. From the early days of the Pilgrims to the Civil War to more modern times during the construction of Quabbin Reservoir, we have a little something for everyone."

On Wednesday, January 26th, Pat Odiarne of the Southwick Historical Society will speak on the life and times of the Pilgrims. If your last encounter with the founders of the Bay Colony was elementary school, this program is guaranteed to shed some light on what really happened in Plymouth over 300 years ago.

The association plays host to West Springfield's Ramapogue Historical Society on Wednesday, March 29th. Dennis Picard speaks on the role of the ironclad *U.S.S. Agawam* during the Civil War. This interesting presentation is a must-see for all Civil War buffs.

The Agawam Historical Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 24th. A modest fee will be charged for this meeting, as a catered buffet will be offered. Following a short business meeting, noted author J.R. Green will speak on Dana, Enfield, Prescott, and Greenwich—the four towns lost in the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir.

Additional information will be available nearer the dates of these programs. The Agawam Historical Association hopes you can attend.

## Woodcarving Exhibit Now On Display At West Spfld. Library

One of the year's more popular exhibits, woodcarving, is now on display at the West Springfield Public Library.

Members of the Chipaway Carvers Club were requested again this year to show some of their wares during the months of January and February.

The group, which meets Tuesdays at the West Springfield Senior Center, has 25 members, many of whom are in the expert class. Their carvings vary to include animals, caricatures, decoys, spoons, plaques, and assorted other items.

Recently, the Chipaway Carvers took part in the Tree of Giving campaign at Tower Square in Springfield. The members donated over 50 carved ornaments, which were matched by toys and games by Milton Bradley, for needy families in the area.

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GUY MORIN'S PROGRAM, "British Soldier in the American Revolution," will take place at the Agawam Library on January 27th.

## Free Puppet Show At Agawam Library On January 22nd

Agawam and Feeding Hills families are invited to a free puppet show at the library on Saturday, January 22nd from 11:00-11:45 a.m.

The PUPPET PEOPLE Theatre will present "Puppet Potpourri," an original variety show accompanied by favorite music from "The Entertainer," "Sorcerer's Apprentice," and even the "Charleston."

Showcasing hand puppets, rod puppets, and marionettes, the program offers a lively and entertaining introduction to the art of puppetry for kids aged three and up, as well as for parents and grandparents of all ages.

Pre-registration is mandatory. Please sign-up at the library or by calling 789-1550 by Friday, January 21st.

At Agawam Public Library...

## Program On The American Revolution Slated For Jan. 27th

Meet the enemy, and learn about the American Revolution! On Thursday, January 27th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, Guy Morin will present a program on the "British Soldier in the American Revolution."

Mr. Morin will appear as a fully uniformed and equipped soldier of King George III. He will discuss the uniform, equipment, and weapons used by the typical soldier from this period.

His presentation will include an opportunity for the audience to ask questions as well as see many of the items normally carried by soldiers in the 18th century.

This program is made possible by a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The program is free and open to the public.

Mr. Morin has been involved in the hobby of battle re-enacting for 23 years and is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst with a B.A. in history. He has been providing this type of lecture/demonstration for over 10 years and travels extensively throughout New England visiting schools, libraries, and community groups.

His re-enacting experience includes four separate time periods which include the 1740's, the American Revolution, the War of 1812, and the Civil War.

For more information concerning this and other programs, please contact Guy Morin, P.O. Box 108, Auburn, MA 01501, 508-832-3175.

For The Month Of January...

## Artwork Of Kim Saffer Being Shown At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce an exhibit of the artwork of Kim Saffer in the gallery of the Agawam Public Library for the month of January.

Saffer is a local landscape painter who employs a variety of media, including oils, acrylics, watercolors, pen and ink, colored pencil, and serigraphy. After attending Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, MA, she returned to the area and began her career as a graphic artist, and has worked in screen printing professionally since 1975.

At the age of 15, Saffer received a scholastic art award for a woodblock print. She has exhibited her work locally with the Agawam Community Artists, along with donating her paintings to the Annual Alumni Art Auction for the scholarship fund of Montserrat College.

Her work is mainly in an open-air style and seeks to bring the beauty of nature indoors. This exhibit shows works spanning her career from 1970-1999.

The gallery hours for viewing the artwork are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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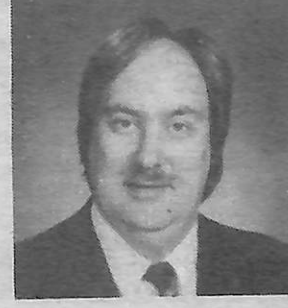
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## Education



THE "REVOLUTIONARY" KEENAN FAMILY with the Room 23 students of Sheryl Mardeusz at Phelps Elementary School. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

### Third-Graders At Phelps Meet Revolutionary Family

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

Students from Room 23 in Sheryl Mardeusz's third grade at Phelps School had a treat on Friday, January 8th. A family dressed in the garb of the Revolutionary War Era visited and talked about life during that part of America's history.

Robert & Kathy Keenan and their daughters, Scobhan and Gillian, visited the class as part of the preparation for the third grade's field trip to Storowton Village on February 9th. That trip, which will last from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., will be called the "Look Back Program." Scobhan Keenan is a pupil in Room 23.

The introduction of the Keenan family's presentation included playing of life and drum music and "Yankee Doodle." The students were told that people during that period of history made their own clothes using wool, linen, and some cotton. The men's, ladies', and children's clothes were actually worn for the benefit of the class. They looked very authentic.

The Keenans showed and talked about eating utensils, lanterns, stools, cups, plates, and food. They also discussed toys from that era. For fun, children would play Jacob's Ladder and Cup & Ball. Apprenticeships began sometimes when a child was in the eighth grade.

The visitors talked about slate, quill pens, lap desks, and even money. Robert Keenan explained that when a man wanted to be a soldier, his family could come along. There was little food or clothing, and he mentioned that people did not have the luxury of bathing in hot water or soap like we do now.

The Keenan females were dressed authentically with long skirts. They wore caps to keep their hair clean. "Soldier" Keenan also demonstrated several hats which were used as protection from dirt and soot or for warmth. After the presentation, there was a question and answer period for this fun and interesting enactment.

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VISITORS FROM THE PAST at Phelps School: Robert, Scobhan, Gillian, and Kathy Keenan. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

### Ag. Middle School Counselor's News

by Thomas F. Dacey  
Middle School Counselor

The Middle School would like parents to know that January 21st will mark midyear, and grades for the second marking period will close on that date. Parents can expect report cards to be sent home on or about January 28th. Parents are asked to please sign and return the report card stub to their child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

A change has been made in the honor roll eligibility rules at the Middle School. Only students who receive a 1 or 2 in effort and conduct will be eligible to be on the honor roll in the future. Students who receive a 3 or 4 in effort or conduct in any subject will no longer be eligible.

This new rule is in addition to the present rule which states that students must receive a B or better in all subjects to be on the honor roll. Also, students must receive an S in all subjects marked by the S/N method to be on the honor roll.

Some schedule changes will take place at midyear at the Middle School. Sixth-grade

students who are presently in the art and music program will switch to the family and consumer science and technology education sequence. Sixth-graders in the family and consumer science and technology education courses will change to the art and music schedule.

Fifth-grade students who are taking art will begin taking music at midyear. Fifth-graders who are taking music will begin the art course.

Fifth-grade students who are taking the computer course the first half of the year will return to their regular classroom. Those fifth-graders who did not take computers the first half of the year will do so during the second half.

In the area of study skills, the fifth-grade students have recently completed Phase 3 of their study skills program. These students watched a video on improving their test-taking skills and completed a study sheet on test-taking skills with the counselor which they were advised to keep and bring home.



# Agawam High School's Guidance Bulletin

**College Acceptances:** Congratulations!  
**Dianna DiStefano:** Stonehill College  
**Crystal Place:** Endicott College, Suffolk University

**Mary Manning:** Mount Holyoke College  
**Gabrielle Robinson:** Salisbury State College, University of Rhode Island

**Brad Theriaque:** University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Westfield State College

**Vanessa Januska:** Keene State College

**Edwin Torres:** American International College, Western New England College

**Nicole Koehler:** Western New England College

**Jill Moccio:** Fitchburg State College, Lasell College

**Eric Hoague:** Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

**Matthew Quirk:** Western New England College

**Justin Mercieri:** University of Hartford

**Kim Goss:** Westfield State College

**Irina Skovorodina:** Springfield Technical Community College

**Amanda Sternowki:** University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

**Jennifer Lyman:** Mount Ida College

**Patrick Kelly:** Holyoke Community College

**Carolyn Gomes:** Champlain College

**Jennifer Burke:** Westfield State College

**Megan Hoppe:** Western New England College

**Ket La:** Westfield State College

**Kerry McGeoghan:** University of New Hampshire

**Military:** Congratulations!

**Jason Mackay:** Army National Guard

**Scholarships:** See your counselor for more information or an application.

**College Club of Springfield Scholarship:** Open to a girl who has been accepted by any four-year institution. The \$1,500 grant is renewable each year for a total of four years if the student's

grades are satisfactory. Criteria for selection include need, scholarship, leadership, and integrity. Eligibility is limited to women ranking in the upper fifth of their class. Deadline: March 15, 2000.

**Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts Scholarships and Loans:** The following grants and loans are available through this program.

**James Z. Naurison Scholarship:** Open to undergraduate students from Western Mass. and Enfield and Suffield, CT. Criteria for selection include scholarship, financial need, and extracurricular activities.

**James W. Colgan Loan:** For residents of Massachusetts for the past five years. Loans are interest free if paid within the guidelines of Fleet National Bank.

**African-American Achievement Scholarship:** Open to African-American residents of Hampden, Hampshire, or Franklin Counties who plan to attend a four-year college.

**Joseph Bonfitto Scholarship:** Open to graduating seniors from Agawam High School. Criteria include scholarship, financial need, and non-academic activities.

**Stanley Ciejek Sr. Scholarship:** For residents of Hampshire, Hampden, or Franklin Counties who will be attending Massachusetts institutions of higher education.

**Louis W. and Mary S. Doherty Scholarship:** Open to residents of Hampden, Hampshire, or Franklin Counties who attend or plan to attend college.

**Horace Hill Scholarship:** Open to children and grandchildren of the members of the Springfield Newspapers 25 Year Club.

**Latino Breakfast Club Scholarship:** For graduating Latino students in Hampshire or Hampden Counties who are entering their first year of college and who are community service

oriented.

**Kimber Richter Family Scholarship:** Open to students of the Baha'i faith who attend or plans to attend college.

**James L. Shriver Scholarship:** Open to residents of Western Mass. who plan to pursue a technical career through college, trade, or technical school.

**Springfield Association of Life Underwriters Scholarship:** Available to students who have lost a parent through death or have a parent receiving Social Security Disability.

**Massachusetts DAR Scholarship:** Open to students who plan to attend four-year college. Criteria for selection include academic achievement, need, and extracurricular activities. Deadline: April 1, 2000.

**Henry David Thoreau Scholarship:** Open to Mass. high school seniors who plan to pursue an interest in an environmental field. Deadline: February 1, 2000.

**Hampden County Improvement League Scholarship:** Open to students who show current or previous involvement in an agricultural endeavor or are members of a farm family. The applicant must be a resident of Hampden County for at least two years. Deadline: April 1, 2000.

**Scholarships for Southeast Asian Students:** At least 25 scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to Southeast Asian high school seniors who live in Mass. and plan to continue their education after high school. Deadline: March 31, 2000.

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**Ithaca College Park Scholar Award:** Open to Ithaca students who major in communications.

**Wentworth Institute of Technology:** Open to students who attend Wentworth.

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## Mid-Term Exam Schedule (Jan. '00)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 24TH

Period I 7:25 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.  
 Period II 9:10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.  
 Period III 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
 Remainder Of Day Correction Of Exams

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 25TH

Period IV 7:25 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.  
 Period V 9:10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.  
 Make-Up Exams 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
 Remainder Of Day Correction Of Exams

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26TH

Period VI 7:25 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.  
 Period VII 9:10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.  
 Make-Up Exams 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
 Remainder Of Day Correction Of Exams

If possible, you may wish to give a student his/her make-up exam during the 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. time slot on Tuesday or Wednesday.

No students will be dismissed from school during the final examination period.

All students and teachers must attend their assigned DLT period.

If a student has PE, but has taken his/her PE final prior to the examination period, the following will take place:

1. Students who alternate Physical Education with a science laboratory will go to the cafeteria for a DLT in lieu of Physical Education.

2. Students who have Physical Education five days a week will go to the gym for a DLT during their scheduled Physical Education period.

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## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, January 17th:** No school (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day).

**Tuesday, January 18th:** Steamed frank-furt in roll, oven-baked beans, seasoned green beans, chilled fruit cup, milk.

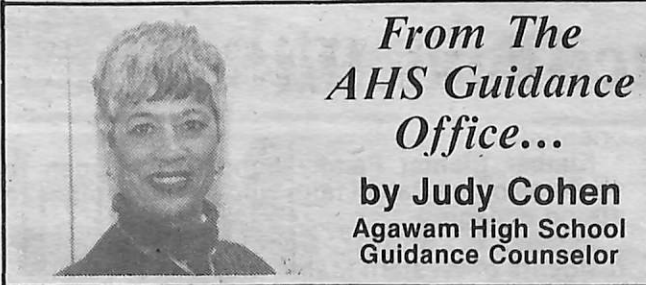
**Wednesday, January 19th:** Taco boat with cheese topping, niblet corn, cinnamon applesauce, sweet potato spice cake, milk.

**Thursday, January 20th:** Meatballs in tomato sauce, buttered macaroni and broccoli mix, bread and butter, fresh Mac apple or orange Jello with topping, milk.

**Friday, January 21st:** Grilled cheese sandwich, oven potato wedges, seasoned mixed vegetables, ice cream cup, milk.

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### From The AHS Guidance Office...

by Judy Cohen  
Agawam High School  
Guidance Counselor

#### Feeling Is Healing...

I still can see Becky when she came into my office. I knew tragedy had struck in her family, so I had called her in to see how she was coping. She walked into my office, sat in a chair, looked squarely at me when she spoke, and answered my simple questions clearly, yet succinctly.

Frankly, my first impression was that she was "all together" and doing O.K. Then, I probed a little further, asked more detailed questions, and got closer to the issue of feeling.

Right away, I perceived a difference in her attitude. She seemed to start to shut me out. She looked down at her hands, she wiggled in her seat, and her voice became lower as she spoke. Clearly, she appeared agitated.

It became apparent that Becky had done what so many do when they are hurting — she shut off her feelings in order to cope. Yet, had that really helped her to cope? If so, then why was she agitated?

In truth, unless one deals with feeling, there really is no healing. As with a physical wound, until we tend to it, it will continue to fester. Yes, we can Band-Aid it, but once that is removed, the wound will still be there. Instead, we must administer directly to the wound, apply the appropriate salve, and then the wound will begin to heal.

Unfortunately, the wound may hurt a little more when the medicine is applied, but only in that way will it get cleansed and then eventually close. Like, with one's spirit, it is important to apply some sort of salve (in this case, some feeling, some venting) in order for one's spirit to be cleansed, healed, and able to have its former zest.

There's the old cliché, "No pain, no gain," and with feeling and healing, the cliché is so true. Becky had to really take her pain out, look it in the face, deal with it by feeling, and then her healing could begin.

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By hiding her feelings, it came to light that her grades were suffering. She was unable to concentrate. Nothing seemed either happy or sad to her; everything had a blah feel. She had lost her affect.

Her days seemed to just move along in a daze, so nothing really turned her on. Interestingly, she was, though, using up a lot of energy to keep her emotions in check; so often she would tire easily, but not really know why. She didn't choose to talk with anyone about her problems since she felt she would just be burdening them.

Therefore, she chose to keep them inside. When they started hurting, she decided to really put them under the rug, to bury them, and then just to move on in hopes that everything would be as it was before. However, that was impossible.

Happenings alter our lives so that we can never make them as they were before. Instead, we must deal with those happenings in order not to get stuck in a certain place. Then, and only then, are we able to move on.

Once Becky's self-imposed iceberg started to melt a little, she became more vulnerable. And with that vulnerability, I was better able to reach her.

She started to vent; I listened. She decided to write a poem about her feelings and shared that with me. By putting her feelings down on paper, she was able to really look at them, embrace them, and own them.

The healing did not happen automatically. Becky often felt as if she were on a roller coaster ride. But, finally, the ride began to get smoother and she started feeling better.

Yes, Becky learned that feeling is healing.

### Alfred Albano Named To Dean's List At Hamilton College

Alfred Albano, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Albano of Robin Ridge Drive in Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 1999 fall semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for earning an average of 90 or above during the term.

A senior majoring in chemistry at Hamilton, Albano is a graduate of Agawam High School.

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THE "I HAVE A DREAM" BULLETIN BOARD at Phelps Elementary School.

In Tribute To Martin Luther King, Jr. ...

## Phelps Bulletin Board Project Reveals Students' "Dreams"

A bulletin board project at Phelps School has brought together the national holiday for Martin Luther King, Jr. and the latest technology, using the school's new digital camera.

Mr. Shea, a fourth-grade teacher, was able to attend an in-service course this past December to learn about digital cameras. He practiced taking

pictures of the students in his classroom. These digital photographs were then utilized for this January's "I have a dream" bulletin board project.

The children were asked to think of what their dream would be for the new year. They will also be learning about Martin Luther King, Jr. during the month of January.

Registration Slated For January 29th...

## New Preschool Scheduled To Open This September In Feeding Hills Ctr.

Smart Start preschool is slated to open in September for the 2000-2001 school year. Robin Jensen (currently the director of The Children's Center in Agawam) will be bringing her proven method of a structured, social, and educationally based program to her new school.

Jensen has her BS in education, as well as Mass director certification for early childhood education. With over 20 years of experience in teaching (eight years in early childhood education), Jensen brings her philosophy of helping children develop confidence in themselves, and developing a positive self-image.

The program will encourage independence, creativity, positive social interaction, responsibility, decision making, and problem solving skills.

Jensen believes that children need to develop a positive attitude towards school from their first experience, and strives to create an environment of warmth, fun, and stimulating opportunities.

Smart Start will be conveniently located in Feeding Hills Congregational Church (next to Dunkin' Donuts) in the center of Feeding Hills. Smart Start will serve children from the ages of two years, nine months (as of September 1st) through age five.

One two-day session for 2.9 through three year-olds, and two three-day sessions for ages four and five, will be offered. Registration for Smart Start will take place on Saturday, January 29th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the rear entrance to the church.

For further information, you can call Robin Jensen at 786-4382.



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## AIC Model Congress To Be Held Jan. 13-15

Legislation to allow same sex marriages, ban capital punishment, and abolish the electoral college are just some of the bills that will be discussed when the 60th Model Congress convenes at American International College.

The three-day event is expected to draw more than 300 high school students from New England and New York, including students from Agawam High School.

The AIC Model Congress, the oldest continuous-running event of its kind in the country, will be held **Thursday, January 13th through Saturday, January 15th.**

Since 1941, students have come to participate in Model Congress, where they debate, amend, and vote on legislation which they have written. The Congress is organized and run entirely by AIC students, many of whom attended Model Congress while in high school.

The delegates from each high school are judged on their debating skills and knowledge of parliamentary procedure, with the top delegates awarded AIC scholarships.

More than \$80,000 in scholarship money will be awarded this year. The winning delegates will be announced at the **Awards Banquet, Saturday, January 15th at 5:00 p.m.** State Senator Brian Lees (R-1st Hampden and Hampshire District) will be the banquet speaker and will choose the best bill.

The Congress begins **Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Schwartz Campus Center Auditorium.** Delegates and observers will have a chance to amend, debate, and vote on emergency legislation, usually written in response to a national or international crisis.

The legislative committee meetings begin **Friday, January 14th at 9:00 a.m. in Amaron Hall.** Students begin the process of debating and amending bills, with legislation that passes committee sent to the House and Senate sessions on Saturday.

The keynote address, usually given by a member of the U.S. Congress, is scheduled for **Friday, January 14th at 11:00 a.m. in the Esther B. Griswold Theatre.**

This year's legislation packet includes a bill from East Longmeadow High School providing health insurance to all citizens of the U.S.; a proposal from Gardner High School legalizing prostitution; and a measure from St. Joseph Central High School which would ban the use of handheld cellular phones while operating a motor vehicle.

For more information, contact the Office of Public Relations at (413) 747-6231.

## A Notice To 8th-Grade Parents

by Frank Meagher  
Guidance Coordinator

As I write this notice, the second marking period hasn't ended and the first snowfall hasn't happened, and yet here we are talking about your son's/daughter's ninth-grade schedule.

Yes, it is that time of year when we begin scheduling the eighth-grade students for their transition to the high school.

In order to make this process as easy as possible for you, the guidance department has arranged an orientation night for eighth-grade parents to take place Wednesday, February 9th, in the Junior High Auditorium from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with as much time for questions as necessary.

Since the next four years are so important to your child's future, it is essential that you set aside these few hours, especially if this is your first son/daughter to reach the high school level.

With MCAS in all of our thoughts, it is critical that parents and the school work together to plan an array of courses that will meet both graduation and MCAS requirements. The state has raised the standards for all students, with the emphasis on college preparatory courses and higher G.P.A. needed for the state's colleges and universities.

You need to understand the ramifications of those increased standards, and we hope to be able to help you at this meeting.

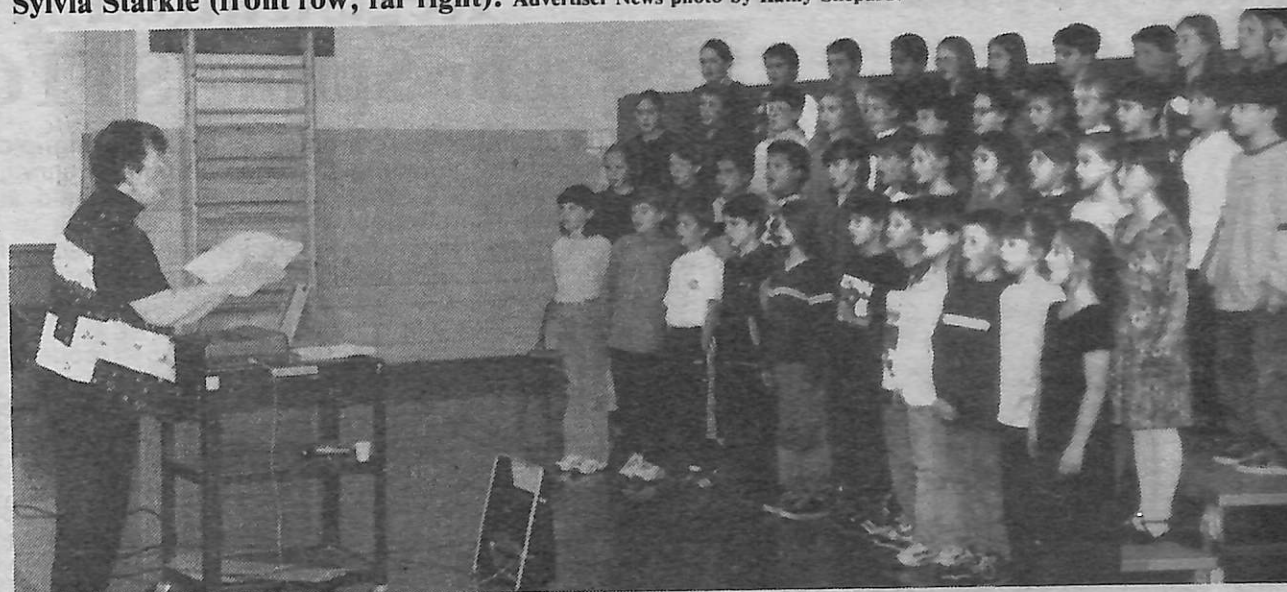
The high school has made many changes to improve the preparation your child receives for the MCAS tests and eventually the SAT's. Please join us on February 9th in order to become familiar with these changes, and the increasing requirements confronting your son/daughter during the next four years.

## ADVERTISER NEWS

## Celebrating The Holidays With Song



ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, a music concert was held at Granger Elementary School. Among the singers were Mr. Montessi's fourth-graders (Room 10) and Mr. Carpenter's fourth-graders (Room 11). The concert was conducted by music teacher Mrs. Sylvia Starkie (front row, far right). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



MRS. SYLVIA STARKIE, music teacher (far left), leads the young singers in yuletide harmony during the December 9th concert at Granger Elementary School. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



SOLOISTS WHO DEMONSTRATED their singing skills at the Granger music concert (from left to right): Lauren Grant, Joseph Grimaldi, Ana Govar, and Emily Baker. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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## “Sombrero For Santa” At James Clark School

James Clark School's Holiday Music Program had a sunny Mexican theme this year as music teacher Mrs. Sylvia Starkie presented “Sombrero for Santa.”

Parents were treated to a song-filled story of Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the Elves visiting Mexico and learning Spanish before their big night.

The kindergartners sang “Must Be Santa” with matching hand gestures, followed by the fourth-graders singing “A Sombrero for Santa” and “Gonna Need Shades.”

Grade three students sang “Senor Santa” and with help from Senorita Bonita (Rachel Goodman), learned some Spanish words in “How Do You Say.”

“A Travel Song” was sung by the first-graders while grade two students sang “We Love Our Jobs” and “Mexican Farewell.”

Narrators Kelsi Johnson, Eleni Zouridakis, Nicole Desimone, and Lisa Hersey told the story of Santa's trip to Mexico where Santa (Michael Catalina), Mrs. Claus (Elizabeth Koenig), and the Elves (Justina Kennedy, Alyssa Yelinek, and Courtney Cowell) were met by the Mayor (Alex Taupier) and villagers Amanda Ledwith and David Cook. Rudolph (Niko O'Meara) saved the day by arriving with the sleigh to take Santa back to the North Pole.

Behind the scenes were Sara Haapanen as the understudy and Joshua Barcomb working as stage manager. The scenery was done by Teacher Assistant Mrs. Fontaine.

A huge thank-you to Mrs. Starkie for a wonderful program and all the time dedicated to each production. “A Sombrero for Santa” was a great success.



“RUDOLPH” (NIKO O'MEARA) waits in the wings for his cue during James Clark School's Holiday Music Program.



JAMES CLARK FOURTH-GRADERS don their sunglasses when singing “Gonna Need Shades” during the school's Holiday Music Program.

*Classes To Begin On Tuesday, January 25th...*

## Registration Now Taking Place For Spring STTC Courses At AHS

Registration is now going on at the Springfield Technical Community College campus for spring semester STTC evening courses to be held at Agawam High School.

Registration will be offered at the high school only on the first evening of classes, pending seat availability. Classes will begin on Tuesday, January 25th.

A selection of STCC's most popular courses will again be offered in Agawam for the convenience of area residents. Credit courses are scheduled from 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. or 6:00 to 9:45 p.m., depending on the number of credits. The semester ends May 9th.

Credit courses are offered on Tuesday evenings and include Microcomputer Applications for Windows, Introduction to Structured Programming, Introduction to Finance, English Composition 1,

Elementary Spanish 2, and Principles of Normal/Abnormal Behavior.

Registration at the STCC campus is available in person, or by phone, by mail, or by fax. Registration hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. There is no registration on January 14th or 17th. Additional registration is available on Saturdays, January 29th and February 5th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Payment may be made by check, Visa, Discover, or MasterCard.

Registration at Agawam High School will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25th. Textbooks will be available for purchase at the first meeting of each class.

For further information, call STCC Continuing Education at 755-4089 or visit the STCC website at [www.stcc.mass.edu](http://www.stcc.mass.edu).

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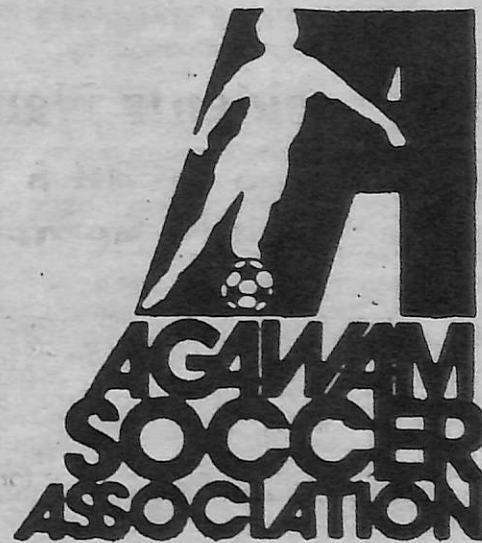
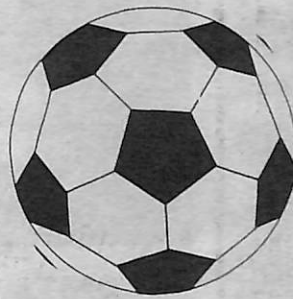
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## Noted Art Student



**BARBARA BRIZZOLARI** was recently recognized as the "Art Student of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

At Springfield Turnverein...

## Holiday Court Of Honor Held By Boy Scout Troop 78

Boy Scout Troop 78 of the Springfield Turnverein recently held its Holiday Court of Honor.

Acknowledged for advancement were Chris Lizotte and John Miller to Star Scout. Many merit badges were also awarded.

Ms. Marie Rorrio, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary Amvets No. 12 and second vice-president at the state level, presented Jason Crawford with a youth pin and patch for his volunteer work with the auxiliary at Leeds' Hospital.

An essay contest on scout spirit was held prior to the Court of Honor. Awards were presented to Dan Boissonneault for first place, Mike Kelly for second place, and Chris Holl for third place. Congratulations!

To conclude the program, the Troop 78 band played holiday songs, under the direction of Mr. Steve Pilegi.

During December, the scouts learned about NASA and other space-related topics. A space suit demonstration was presented by Mr. Flanders and Mr. Kretchmire.

January finds the Troop preparing for the council Klondike Derby to be held at Moses Scout Reservation on the last weekend of the month.

## Area Residents Named To STCC's Dean's List For Fall 1999 Semester

Area residents who have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 1999 semester at Springfield Technical Community College have been announced by Executive Vice President/Academic Affairs John H. Dunn.

The Dean's List is published each semester to recognize above-average academic performance. Students carrying a full-time course load of 12 or more semester hours, who achieve a quality point average of 3.3 or above, are placed on the Dean's List.

Agawam residents named to the Dean's List are Michael Aloisi, Hassan Deni, Susan Depelteau, Debra Kolnicki, John Krause, Toni Loguidice, Francis Mazzei, Brenda Ober, Parul Parekh, Michelle Raines, Kara Seibold, Andrea Werther, and Catherine Zollman.

Feeding Hills residents named to the Dean's List are Daniel Gomes, Richard Haglund, Bokyoung Lee, Kyoungmin Lee, Kimberly Licence, Kimberly Linares, Laurie Lyman, Meaghan Shepard, Jamie Sternowski, Charles White, and Kimberly Williams.

Springfield Technical Community College offers 42 associate degree programs with 30 options and 30 certificate programs, in the area of business and information technologies, health sciences, nursing, engineering and science transfer, engineering technologies, and liberal arts and sciences.

## Seminar On College Admissions At Spfld. JCC

Kaplan Educational Centers, one of the nation's premier educational companies, is offering a free orientation for high school students and their parents at 7:00 p.m. on **January 23rd** at Springfield JCC, 1160 Dickinson Street, Springfield.

This seminar will give families key information about the PSAT, the SAT, and the college admissions process, as well as Kaplan's proven test-taking strategies.

In addition, each family will receive a free copy of the Kaplan/Newsweek *How to Get Into College* guide.

"Good SAT scores are a powerful way for students to show admissions committees their potential," said Kathy Ciaccio, Precollege Director for Kaplan. "This free seminar introduces students to the exam, explains its role in the admissions process, and provides key strategies to help students raise their scores."

**This is a free workshop, but seating is limited. For additional convenient locations, or to reserve a seat, call 1-800-KAP-TEST.**

## Jennifer McGuire On Hamilton's Dean's List

Jennifer McGuire, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Steven McGuire of Glendale Road, Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 1999 fall semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for earning an average of 90 or above during the term.

A freshman at Hamilton, McGuire is a graduate of Agawam High School.

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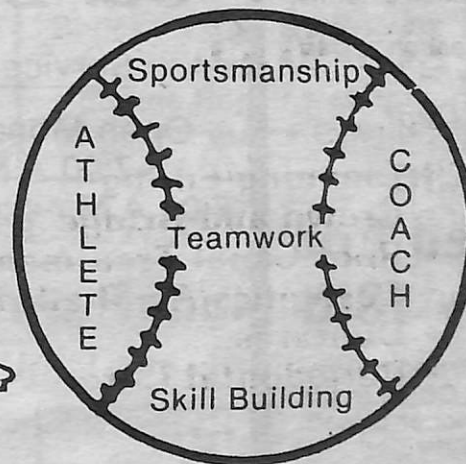
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## Sports

*Named Ivy League Rookie Of The Week...*

### Barbara Maloni Burning Court For Brown Univ.

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

There aren't many Agawam High basketball faithful around these parts who didn't think 1999 graduate Barbara Maloni wouldn't continue to shine on the collegiate level, much as she had in her days as a Brownie.

Well, she hasn't disappointed a single fan. In an interview with us last year, Barbara, headed to Division I Brown University, said she saw no reason why she couldn't start for Brown U. as a freshman. Now, that may have seemed a bit cocky. But if it was, Barbara has the great talent to back up her words.

At AHS, she led Agawam's great heights in Western Mass. girls' basketball, scoring a career total of 1,689 points and doing it every way possible. She was close to unstoppable as the term implies. So it was no surprise when she did, indeed, make the starting five with the Lady Bears.

#### Ivy League Rookie Of The Week

Her most recent achievement was being named the Ivy League Rookie of the Week for her play in the Gatorade Hurricane Holiday Classic over the Christmas break in Miami. The festivities included the University of Miami, Maryland, and Southern Methodist University.

She scored a career-high 25 points against host Miami. For the tournament, Barbara scored 34 points, dished out eight assists, and stole the rock four times in two games, gaining All-Tournament honors.

However, the beat goes on. Remember, this is just a freshman we're talking about here. Barbara is the team's top scorer with 13.8 a game average; the assist leader (2.3 a game), and the steal leader (2.8). She leads the team in average minutes played with 31.7. Her career high in points, as short as that career is, was the 25 against Miami.

She scored 23 in the season-opener against Big East Syracuse University, in a game that also saw her pull down five rebounds (something she has done five times this season) and tally seven assists (a season high). She also had a season high seven steals against Northeastern University.

#### Started All 13 Games

At presstime, Barbara has started all 13 games for the 5-8 Bears. She has attempted 185 field goals, hitting 65 (35.1 percent); 38 attempted three-pointers, hitting seven (8.6 percent); 78 free throws, hitting 42 (53.8 percent) for a total of 179 points. She has 35 rebounds, 18 offensive and 17 defensive (2.7 a game); 30 assists, and 36 steals.

We caught up with her last Sunday as she geared up for practice at Brown. Was the collegiate experience all she thought it would be so far?

"Yes, I'm settling in well. But the big transition between high school and here is making sure I balance my time between basketball and studies. Both are very intense. And they don't tell you when to study. You're on your own. You do what you have to do to keep up in the classroom."

Barbara hasn't declared a major so far, but her grades seem to be good. "They haven't been posted yet, but I should come in with a solid 3.0 average for this semester." In laymen's terms, that means a B.

Brown will start their Ivy League season at Dartmouth University on Friday, January 14th.

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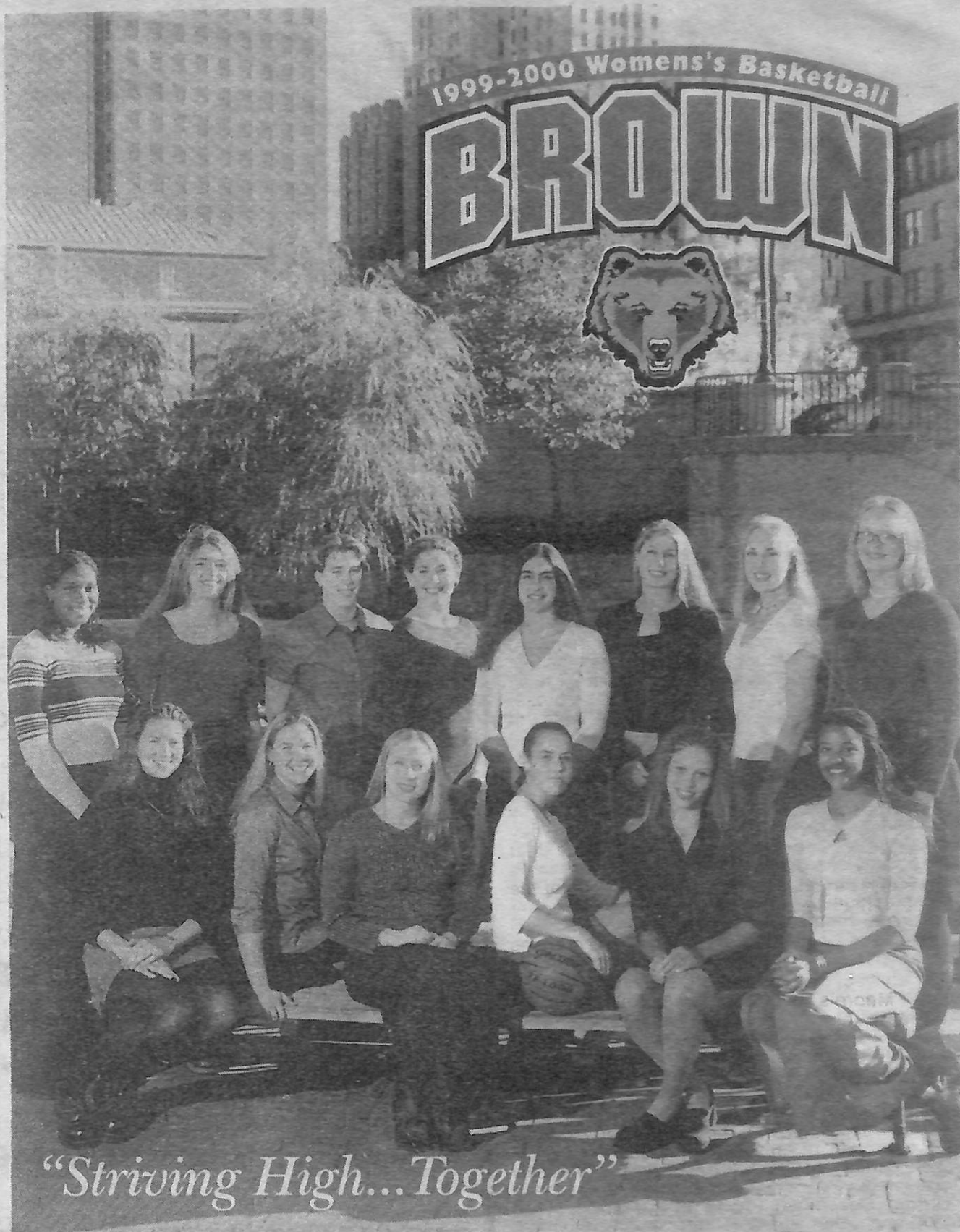
### Youth Lacrosse Registration Slated For Tuesday, January 18th

Registration for youth lacrosse will begin Tuesday, January 18th, at the Recreation Office in the rear of Agawam High School (760 Cooper Street).

The youth lacrosse teams will be divided into divisions for both boys and girls in grades five through eight.

The fee is \$50 per person (which includes T-shirt). Practice for youth lacrosse will begin in mid-April, and players are required to provide their own equipment.

Youth lacrosse is sponsored by the Town of Agawam Parks & Recreation Department.



BARBARA MALONI (seated, holding basketball), who scored 1,689 points during her days as a Brownie, is now a member of Brown University's women's basketball team. To date, the 1999 Agawam High School graduate has started all 13 games for the 5-8 Bears; what's more, during the Gatorade Hurricane Holiday Classic held in Miami over the Christmas break, Maloni was named the Ivy League Rookie of the Week.

*Our deadline is Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, our office WILL BE OPEN on Monday, January 17th*

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## Schoolboy Wrestling Versus Minnechaug...

# AHS Matmen Chalk Up Convincing 43-25 Victory Over Visiting Falcons

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

After a couple tough outings (the Ludlow High Tournament and a trip down to St. John's Prep near Worcester), the Agawam High wrestling team got well last Wednesday evening, January 5th with a convincing 43-25 win over Minnechaug.

The Falcons, one of the better programs in Western Mass., invaded Kibbe Gym with a 1-1 record and thought they had the 2-2 Brownies (2-0 in Western Mass.) square in their sights. But the home team, steeped in wrestling tradition no other team in this area can equal, was up to the task.

The first match at 103 pounds was an Agawam forfeit because Don Hare had the flu and just couldn't go. Agawam's initial win came in the 112's, courtesy of All-Western Mass. performer Eric Hogan. For much of the first period, Hogan simply controlled his Falcon opponent, riding him from one side of the circle to the other. That effort ended up with Hogan ahead, 2-0, going into the second period.

With 30 seconds gone in that period, Hogan was going for a pin. The Falcon experienced a burst of adrenaline then and somehow rolled his shoulders away from certain disaster.

Hogan, however, managed two more points to lead, 4-0. With 45 seconds left, Hogan was within the limits of Pin City again. This time, the Falcon arched into a desperation bridge and the buzzer saved him. But Hogan, clearly in control, had built up a 7-0 lead.

The Brownie would end up winning, 10-0, clearly overmatching his foe.

Because of a numbers shortage, Agawam went with sophomore Andy Korney in the 119's (usually the domain of Brownie star Dave Moore). Korney doesn't have a lot of match experience, but what he had was enough. After leading 5-0 going into the second period, he made his move and got the pinfall with 35 seconds off the clock.

## One Of The Best In The Business...

One of the best in the business stalked onto the mat for the 125's - Dave Moore. Moore, with his head shaved, was wrestling above his weight class. Moore's opponent was taller and as rawboned.

But Moore, intimidated by no one, went right to work with a reversal and a pin attempt with 30 seconds gone in the first period. With 10 seconds left, Moore was going for another pin, but the buzzer frustrated him.

He took a 5-0 lead into the second two minutes. He went up, 7-0, with 20 seconds gone and 8-1 at the 1:12 mark. Then, in a flurry of activity that saw a Moore reversal and takedown and a Minnechaug reversal, Moore led, 14-3, at the end of two periods.

Moore started out the third shooting for a takedown. A near fall saw him up 18-3 with 26 seconds gone. It was enough for a technical fall and a win. At that point, Agawam, as a team, was up 15-6.

Minnechaug gathered up a victory in the 130's. Agawam was back in business behind junior Aaron Gilbert in the 135's. This match was a head-banger, with a lot of hand-slapping going on from the get-go. A Minnechaug takedown with 35 seconds left in the first period and two more on another takedown had the Falcon up, 4-1, when time ran out. However, Gilbert came back and got a pin at 2:29.

Minnechaug won 18-4 in the 140's.

Brandon Blackak got Agawam back on track in the 145's. The senior had a good one going with Adam Winiewicz. Blackak went for a pin with five seconds gone. The Falcon escaped. Brandon executed a reverse in a tough situation and led 5-2 after one.

Winiewicz seemed to wither in the second as Blackak jacked up his intensity. It was 7-3, Agawam, after two periods.

But the Falcon came back in the final period and the issue was in doubt. An Agawam takedown was answered by an escape and a takedown. There were 20 seconds left and Blackak led, 9-8. He managed a reversal and a near-fall and won, 14-8. It was indeed a bullet dodged. The Brownies now led, 21-14, overall.

Senior Matt Quirk seemed to have things under control in the 152's. The tri-captain had a comfortable lead - 18-4 with 55 seconds left in the third period. Then, his opponent, Derek Garden, managed a reverse and suddenly, with 25 seconds to go, had a possible pinfall on his plate. Quirk worked overtime to prevent the embarrassment and won it at the buzzer by a lot less than the 18-9 score would indicate.

## Locals Up, 28-14

With Agawam up 28-14, Minnechaug needed some gut-checking wrestling to pull out the match. But it was coming to upper middle-weight time. This group of Brownies is as fine as the

lower weights - and they proved it.

Tri-captain Ryan Grealis had a tough one in the 160's against Falcon senior Jeff Kiah. Ryan was up 2-0 after one. It was tied 2-2 when the second period ended. Grealis, who has a ton of experience, shot down to get a couple points with 40 seconds left in the third. Once he got control, he rode out the final 15 seconds for a 7-2 win.

Junior Nick Beaudette padded onto the mat for a 171-pound confrontation. The Brownie junior was up, 7-0, with a minute left in the second period and in a position for a pin. He finally got the reluctant Falcon to flatten out at the 2:15 mark.

Eric Pedersen showed up in the 189's. Pedersen had a pin possibility with 25 seconds left in the first period and wound up ahead, 5-0, going into the second stanza. He reversed his Falcon opponent five seconds into that period and led 10-0. With 50.5 seconds left, Pedersen got the pinfall.

For all intents and purposes, the meet was over. The Brownies led, 43-14. So the final two matches, the 215's and heavyweight, which were won by the Falcons on pins, made no difference - other than the fact that the Brownies need to work on those weights.

At this writing, Agawam (3-2, 3-0) would have their next meet coming up at Central.

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PAUL BACHINI

## Bachini Resigns As Golf Coach After 19 Years

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Maybe Kenny Rogers was right, you do have to "know when to fold 'em."

Such is the case for Paul Bachini. After 19 years as the Agawam High varsity golf coach, he won't be back for the fall 2000 season.

After fighting to keep his job last year, he decided to give up the ghost this time around by tendering his resignation.

"At the Fall Sports Recognition Night, I told my kids that I was leaving as the head coach. That was pretty much it. I wasn't coming back," he said, then added, "It's pretty well-known that the A.D. (Kathleen McSweeney) and I have major philosophical differences. So, it's best that I move on."

The coach leaves quite a legacy of excellence in his wake. In his 19 years at the helm, Agawam High golf has recorded seven league championships and placed more than a dozen kids on the All-Western Mass. squad. Over the past five years his teams had an overall record of 83-15-2 in match play.

During the decade of the 90's, his team had the best regular season record of any golf team in Western Mass.

### Future Plans

With that kind of resume, you'd think he'd get right back into coaching somewhere else. "No. Honestly, at least not now. It's probably a good time to leave. I have a daughter who plays field hockey and a son on the football team. I'll get a chance to watch them play now. That's important to me," Bachini said.

But he did leave the door open a bit. "Maybe I can volunteer my time with the team in an advisory capacity. I'm sure they'll take a long look before filling the position. And whomever they hire will be a very capable person. Who knows, somewhere down the road, there's a chance I'll get back into it [coaching]."

He does have an extremely optimistic view of the team that is no longer his. "I think we are entering the golden age of Agawam High golf. More kids are signing up. The kids coming back are some of the best in the area. I think they deserve a coach who has the support of the administration," he said.

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SEAN DEVALL was one of the members of the AHS boys' ski team who finished in the top 30 at the Thursday, January 6th race at Berkshire East. Because of his performance, DeVall (as well as some of his fellow teammates) gained important points towards qualifying for the state meet in February.

### Boys' Skiing...

## Agawam High Finishes In Third Place In Season Opener

The Agawam High School boys' ski team competed in its first race of the season on Thursday, January 6th. They finished a strong third behind first-place Westfield and second-place Mohawk.

Agawam was led by senior captain Jack Pearson, who finished seventh in the A Division and 11th overall out of nearly 200 racers from 20 schools. Following Pearson for Agawam were Sean DeVall, Bill Campana, and Brandon Donovan, who all finished in the top 30 and gained important points towards qualifying for the state meet in February.

The team is working hard to finish above either Westfield or Mohawk to qualify as a team for the states. The balance of the varsity finishers were Tim Chretien, Jim Evans, Adam Escobar, and Adam Tapply. Gaining experience and fighting for varsity positions were JV racers Nick Broska, Brian Marsh, and Ryan Patenaude.

The ski team is dedicated to reaching its goal of qualifying for the state meet. They gave up their Christmas vacation to spend four days of training at Haystack Mountain in Vermont. They worked very hard doing drills and training in gates.

Coach Glenn Olson felt that spending all that time on the snow was the most valuable training they could do. It was particularly gratifying and a definite sign of the dedication of the Agawam ski program when three past varsity skiers — Steve

Charest, Jay Flood, and Daryl St. Laurent — came to the camp to help teach the younger racers.

In addition to the on-snow training, the boys grew as a team by eating, sleeping, and being together for the four days. Helping Coach Olson were assistant coaches Rick Weld and Murray Pearson.

Four of the boys' team members — Pearson, Campana, DeVall, and Donovan — as well as girls' team member and captain, Caroline Scherpa, also compete at the next level on the Tristate and United States Ski Association circuit. They are all members of the team from Ski Sundown in Connecticut.

At this level, the competition is much tougher. These high schoolers are racing against teams from schools such as the University of Vermont (one of the top college ski programs in the country) and UMass. The first race on December 26th was won by a member of the U.S. National Team.

Although not winning, the Agawam racers are fairing very well against these older and more experienced racers. They are gaining valuable experience which is helping their high school racing now, and will help them in the future if they plan to ski in college.

Both the boys' and girls' teams ski most Tuesdays and Thursdays at Berkshire East and would be happy to see as many fans as could attend.

### Girls' Skiing...

## Brownies Place Fourth At January 6th Competition

The Agawam High School girls' ski team overcame poor snow conditions and several mishaps to place fourth in the "A" Division at Berkshire East on Thursday, January 6th. Captain Caroline Scherpa led the team times with a 35.93 on the giant slalom course, placing her 13th overall in the division.

Tension ran high for Coach Jim Graveline as he watched his first racer, captain Laura Charest, jet out of a turn near the end of an excellent run. Jen Pietroniro was next on course, but she clipped a gate midway and also did not complete the race.

Following Scherpa's successful race was Amy Jensen, who finished with a 39.11. The spectators' elation was short-lived, however, when the fifth racer, Janet Jack, caught an edge and was out of the event.

The pressure was on the last three skiers to

complete the course, or the Agawam girls would be disqualified for not attaining four race times. The coach and parents alike held their breath as each girl left the gate. Junior Ashley Guiel (40.09) and sophomores Katie Feato (42.82) and Alyson Garvey (47.34) redeemed their team with solid finishes.

Charest commented that, "The conditions were hard-packed and the course was tough because it deteriorated rapidly. We're hoping to have better conditions and more confidence now that the first race is behind us."

Coach Graveline was pleased with his team's performance in spite of "losing our top two times and not having Kerry (St. Laurent)" last week. This week, there were two races on the schedule (at presstime), with a slalom event on Tuesday, January 11th, and another giant slalom on Thursday, January 13th.

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Boys' Basketball Versus Cathedral...

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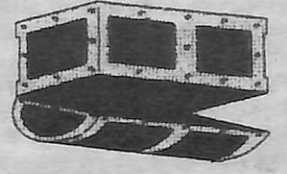
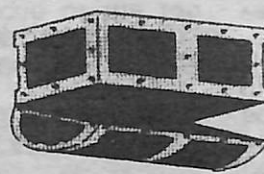
by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' hoop team knew they were about to play some Western Mass. iron when they invaded Cathedral last Friday evening, January 7th. That Brownie invasion turned into a 90-44 Panther rout. Cathedral ran their record to 6-0. Agawam went to a mirror image at 0-6. This image of Brownie boys' basketball was not what the home folks had hoped for. Cathedral led, 14-5, at the 12:31 mark of the first half. They were shooting 6-11 as opposed to Agawam's 2-4. The Panthers went up, 18-5, with 4:23 gone, mostly off seven Agawam turnovers, which meant the Brownies couldn't get any offense going. It got worse. There was 9:30 left to play and the board told a sad story - 27-7, Panthers. For some unknown reason, Cathedral pressed on defense. They went up, 35-7, with 6:28 to go. At that point, they dominated everything, including the offensive boards (9-3). At the half, they would out-rebound the Brownies, 20-10, including those nine off the offensive glass.

No Way Out For The Locals

The Panthers, shooting whenever they had the notion, would also record 18-34 from the field as opposed to 6-26 for the Brownies. Agawam's 11 turnovers translated into 12 points for Cathedral as well. There was no way out for AHS. The Brownies came out on the long end of a 53-14 score to start the second 16. The Panthers went up, 70-30, with 7:56 to go. They were banging the boards and allowing no Agawam opportunities. In the end, the Panthers were throwing in their subs in an effort not to run it up. It wasn't pretty. But new Brownie Coach Brian Alves knows that you have to be patient when you are trying to revive a program.

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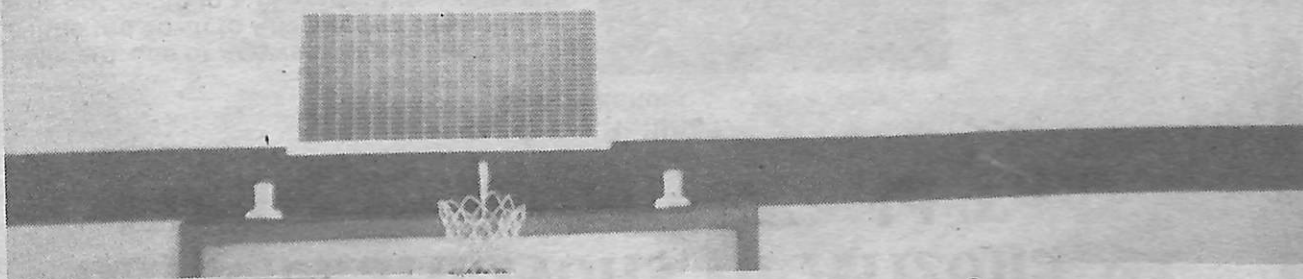
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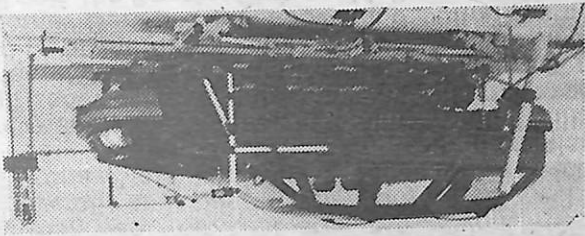
MEMBERS OF AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S boys' junior varsity basketball team for 1999-2000: back row — Coach Kevin Daley, David Bienia, Josh Spinner, Michael Carmody, and Joe Mancini; front row — Sal Santinello, Ian Karney, Tim Sullivan, and Mario Maloni.

Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

**BROWNIE STATS:** Mercadante - 0 (0-5) FGS, 0-3 (3 PTS); Brunelle - 3 (0-2) FGS, 1-1 (3 PTS), 2 REBS; Duscharme - 3 (1-5) FGS, (1-2) FTS, 1 off reb; Hogan - 0 (0-1) FGS; Conte - 7 (1-11) FGS, (5-5) FTS, 6 REBS, 3 off; Stellato - 3 - (1-7) FGS, 1-4 (3 PTS), 5 REBS, 1 off; Ellsworth - 10 (5-14) FGS, 0-1 (3 PTS), 5 REBS, 4 off; Forsman - 0 (0-2) FGS, 0-1 (FTS), 0-1 (3 PTS) Martucci - 18 (7-12) FGS, 4-4 (3 PTS), 5 off rebs.

**AGAWAM TOTALS:** FGS - 16-59 (27 percent); FTS - 6-9 (66 percent); 3 points - 6-13 (46 percent); REBOUNDS - 24, 10 DEF, 14 OFF; TURNOVERS - 17. Points allowed off TO's - 14.

**CATHEDRAL STATS:** FGS - 39-78 (50 percent); FTS - 7-10 (70 percent); 3 POINTS - 5-8 (62 percent); REBOUNDS - 44, 20 DEF, 24 OFF; TURNOVERS - 4. Points allowed off TO's - 0.



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"There's Cactus All Over The Place"...

## Bill Menard Golfs In Arizona At Future Collegiate World Tour

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Bill Menard, one of Agawam High's top golfers, took a little trip down to Arizona over the holidays where he competed in a FCWT (Future Collegiate World Tour) tournament. It was quite an eye-opener for the Brownie sophomore, who is used to playing in these parts on courses that are not anything like they have down there.

"Yeah, golf in Arizona is different for sure. At least the golf courses are," he smiled. Bill played at the Arizona State University course in Tempe. "It was a 6,800-yard layout. That's pretty long for a junior tournament," Bill noted. He also noted that the courses down there are pretty much chiseled out of the desert.

"There is a fairway, then just off of it, there's cactus all over the place. Water is everywhere and I'm not talking about ponds like we have around here, but things almost like lakes that run the length of the fairways."

Then he added, "And they don't have rough like we know it here. Down there it's like thick Bermuda grass, which is cut short but is tough to get out of. If you hit it over the greens, which are mostly all domed, the rough is where you end up."

Was there any course around here that could compare to what he experienced down there? "I'd have to think pretty hard about that. Maybe the Springfield Country Club in the way some of the greens are elevated, like most of them were at that course. But there would be only a slight resemblance. It's the desert setting that's so different in the end," he noted.

### A 54-Hole Format

The tournament, which was a 54-hole format, ranged over three days, from December 30th to January 2nd. The golfers ranged in age from 15 to 19. Par was 72. Bill shot two rounds of 84 and finished with a 79.

"It was funny," he noted. "I was 23 over on the back nine, but only seven over for the front nine in my three rounds. I think it was because on the back nine you really had to be sure you positioned your shots just right. If you missed a green, you rolled down into one of those waste areas, which were like craters with the grass in them shaved down. It was tough to control the ball from there."

He finished 40th out of 60 junior golfers from all over the country.

"My playing partner was from that area. He finished second overall and has a full golf scholarship to Arizona State next year," Bill noted.

The Brownie traveled to the Southwest with a Longmeadow High Lancer - Derek Hurwitch, who is a pretty fair golfer himself. "The trip was expensive. I mostly paid for it through money I earned from my paper route. Because it's above and beyond my school golf, the Booster Club couldn't do much in the financial department," Bill noted.

### Lessons Learned...

What did he learn about playing on a different course so far away? "I think figuring out the best way to recover from a bad shot in those conditions was one thing. Also, you have to play all the



BILL MENARD

time to be really sharp. Those kids down there are always on some course somewhere. I didn't touch a club for almost three weeks before the tournament," he admitted.

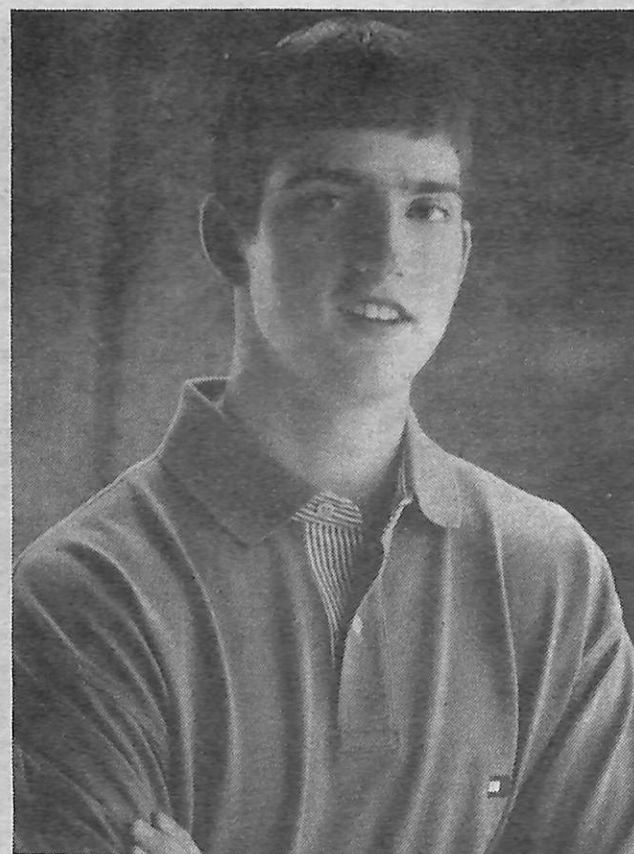
Then he added, "My game overall is pretty good for this time of year. I seemed to putt as well as most of the kids I played against. It was those little things, like getting out of trouble that need work."

Bill will be playing in another FCWT tournament in April in Binghamton, New York. "I'll be ready," he promised.

Bill will be a junior in the fall 2000 golf season and is expected to be one of the top players on the Agawam golf team as well as one of the top golfers in Western Mass. He has been named as a first team member of the All-Western Mass. golf squad.

He qualified for the State Tournament last year with an 80 at the tough Crumpin Fox Course in Bernardston and finished in a tie for ninth in the states with an 82.

He plays to a three handicap out of the Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills.



BRIAN GILHOOLY

Profile...

## Brian Gilhooly Praises Potential Of AHS Hockey

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Since he was a sophomore, Brian Gilhooly has been a big contributor for the Agawam High hockey team. Recently, the senior defenseman took some time out to talk about himself and his days at AHS.

Brian is 17. His birthday falls on July 23rd. He stands 6'1" and weighs in at 185, which is good size for a defender. He has spent all four years of his secondary education at the High School.

Currently, Brian is taking AP physics, AP calculus, AP English, Spanish 5, practical law, and journalism 2. He is a news writer for the school's newspaper, THE MIRROR. Brian is a member of the National Honor Society and the Renaissance Club.

His favorite course was English in his junior year. Margo Poulin (English) is his top teacher. Right now, Brian is looking at either Boston University or Northeastern for his higher education. Engineering would most likely be his major. He's given college hockey a tumble or two in his mind, but admits if he made the effort it would probably have to be at a Division II or Division III school.

Besides hockey, where he is a captain, Brian also plays lacrosse in the spring and was honorable mention All-League last season. He has been a three-year performer there as well.

When asked which sport he prefers, Brian answered, "It's a hard choice. Both have their moments."

His most memorable sports moment happened in lacrosse. "It came in my sophomore year, when our lacrosse team became a varsity program and we beat West Side," he noted.

As for the 1999-2000 hockey season, he has this take: "We have a great deal of potential. If we play up to our ability, no one can beat us."

Brian's favorite food are the chicken nuggets at Wendy's.

Green is his favorite hue.

A 1999 Corvette would be his car of choice.

The Philadelphia Eagles are his top sports team. Pro hockey player Steve Yzerman of the Detroit Red Wings is his top jock.

Brian likes comfortable clothes and shops for them at American Eagle.

Rock and rap top his chart in music.

"The Simpsons" are number one on the tube for him. "The Matrix" is his favorite flick.

Mike is his dad. Debra is his mom. Brian has a sister, Kara (15), who is a sophomore at the High School.

He says his English teacher, Marto Poulin, is the person he looks up to.

He wants to be remembered when his days at AHS are done as a kid who worked hard in school and had fun outside of it - a kind of all-around person.

Hockey Coach John Cirelli had this to say of his senior: "Brian leads by example. He's a heads-up player who can combine the physical and finesse aspects of the sport very well. He's also a student of the game and a quick learner."

From Daggett Gymnastics...

## Local Men Gymnasts Compete At Tournament Held At West Point

The Men's Gymnastics Team of Daggett Gymnastics competed this past weekend at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The 19-member group, ranging in ages from nine to 17, joined other club gymnasts from around the country and college athletes from UMass, Ohio State University, Penn State, UC Santa Barbara, Southern Connecticut State University, Army, Navy, Temple, and Springfield College.

The ninth annual event, with over 500 competitors, started on Friday with the college athletes competing head-to-head with the higher skilled, Class 1 club athletes to qualify for the Event Finals on Saturday.

Several of the Daggett men succeeded in moving on by being in the top eight scorers of the event. Those included Patrick McFarlin on the Pommel Horse, James Houle in Floor Exercise, and Darren Morace in Floor, Still Rings, and Vault.

In the event finals, McFarlin took sixth in All-Around scoring, helped by a first in Pommel Horse with a 9.8. Houle took a fourth on Floor Exercise, and Morace came in sixth on Vault.

In Class 2 competition, Alan Parsons of Daggett's won first place in the All-Around. R.J. Heflin captured a first place on the Pommel Horse, while

Jeff Krok came up with a 9.0 on the Vault.

The Class 3 competitors were broken down to 12-13 and 14-15 year-old age groups. In the senior group, Drew Ignoto placed with a third on Pommel Horse and fifth on Still Rings, while Alex Smith took a fourth on Floor.

In the 12-13 group, Dan Liebowitz captured fifth in All-Around, aided by a third on Still Rings. Mike Marino received two-fifths on Vault and Parallel Bars. Mark Parzych also performed well.

In Class 4, Age 10-11, Darren Parzych succeeded on Still Rings, taking home third place. Class 6 also was broken down between age groups, due to the large number of competitors.

In the 10 and over group, Kyle Leverault tied for fourth on Vault, while in the 7-9 group, Kevin Dwyer earned an 8.0 on Floor and an 8.6 on Pommel Horse.

Others in the group proved strong in the Pommel Horse event as well: Jessie Hiller received an 8.2, Steven Lucia received an 8.7, while brother Christopher Lucia also did well with a 7.9.

Spectators were also treated with a demonstration by U.S. Olympian Chaney Umphrey on Saturday night. Umphrey signed autographs both Saturday and Sunday after the meets.



*Swimming Versus Cathedral...*

## Both AHS Teams Defeat Visiting Panther Swimmers

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' and boys' swim teams both won their second meet in a row Tuesday afternoon. The girls topped visiting Cathedral, 114-68, while the boys toppled the Panthers, 81-48.

The girls had strong performances across the board, doing what Coach Chris Johnson wanted them to do; grab points in the second and third spots if they couldn't win their events.

Winners from the girls' team included Shannon Costa in the 200 free; Steph Harnois, 50 free; Rachael Morris, 100 butterfly; and Shannon Costa in the grueling 500 freestyle.

In that one, Costa, posting a time of 6:06.78, won by more than a length-and-a-half of the pool. The team of Kyleigh Egan, Harnois, Christina O'Brien, and Rachael Morris took the top spot in the 200 free relay.

Veteran senior Lauren Kunkler was first in the 100 breaststroke. Leading from the start, Agawam also won the 400 relay.

The girls also won the diving competition with Sara Trembley taking the top spot. The sophomore had three impressive dives in her set of six. She nailed an inward dive from the pike position earning three straight sevens from the judges. A forward somersault with a twist rang up two 6.5's and a 5.5. An inward dive with 1½ somersault from the tuck position carded a 7, 6.5, and 5.5, respectively.

The girls had a second- and third-place finish in the 200 medley. Costa and Morris finished second and third, respectively, in the 200 individual medley. Egan had a second in the 50 free. Christina O'Brien and Lisa Niedziela took second and third in the 100 free. Niedziela also grabbed second in the 500 free.

Freshman Brittany Theriaque took third in the 100 backstroke. Trembley was second in the 100 breast. The girls led 34-27 going into the diving and 45-32 after that event.

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The Brownie boys (all six of them) took their share of top spots. Dan Adamski, Dave Torrey, Nate Adamski, and Matt Francis won the 200 relay. Dan Adamski was first in the 200 free. Brian Borkosky came in third. Paul Lagasse and Torrey took a second and third, respectively, in the 200 individual medley.

Matt Francis had a personal best (27.91) in the 50 free. He led from the gun in the drag race of swimming against two Panther opponents.

The boys led 30-21 going into the diving part of the meet. Nate Adamski, who was the only boy in that event, won it. His best dives were a back 1½ somersault from a tuck (5.5, 5, 3.5), an inward dive from the tuck position (5.5, 5, 4.5), and a reverse from a tuck (4, 4, 5.5).

The boys, working on a 36-21 lead after the diving, added to it. Lagasse took a second in the 100 fly. Nate Adamski was first in the 100 free. Francis finished third. Dan Adamski, all alone in the pool, won the 500 free with a time of 6:10.63. Francis, Borkosky, Lagasse, and Torrey took the 200 free relay. Borkosky was second in the 100 back.

Torrey, showing some good form, led all the way to win the 100 breast. The team of Nate Adamski, Borkosky, Dan Adamski, and Lagasse, the only team in the pool, took the 400 relay.

Both the boys and girls are now 2-2 overall and more importantly, 2-0 in the B Division, where Johnson feels they have a good chance of finishing near the top.

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL SWIM COACH Christopher Johnson addresses his troops during the January 11th meet versus visiting Cathedral High School. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



KEITH PARO (in front), Agawam High's assistant swim coach, with divers Sara Trembley, Steph Harnois, Lauren Kunkler, and Nate Adamski. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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Hockey Versus Longmeadow...

## Brownies Bow To Lancers, 6-2, In Indy Game

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

After nearly a week off and some good practices, according to new Coach John Cirelli, the Agawam High hockey team seemed primed for their game against tough Berry Division opponent Longmeadow Tuesday evening at the Olympia in an independent contest. Apparently, they weren't quite primed enough, losing to the Lancers, 6-2.

Agawam's record fell to 5-3 in the non-league game. Longmeadow went to 6-2-1.

Agawam looked good early, but not for long. The Lancers caught an early penalty and were skating with a man down and 1:33 off the clock. The Brownie power play crew of Brian Pagella, Jason Malanson, Tony LeClair, Adam Sprague, and Jeremy Malanson seemed to have things under control. But they got caught up ice and usually bad things happen when that happens.

Sure enough, Longmeadow scored on a breakaway at the 12:45 mark.

### Locals Tie It Up

Down 1-0, Agawam recovered from the shock to tie it up at 1-0 only 23 seconds later when Mike Kosinski punched the puck home out of melee in front of the Lancers' net. Jason Malanson and Pagella got assists.

The Brownies seemed to be skating blade-to-blade with the Lancers, who are one of the swiftest teams in Western Mass. Adam Sprague was hitting anything in a black sweater. Dennis Wolters, Jeremy Malanson, and Matt Pereira were flying. Dave Gusek and John Tisdell worked a play with 8:35 to go that just missed. Wolters got off a blast a few seconds later. But a nice pad save by Lancer keeper Jerry Grondin robbed the Brownie sophomore.

Longmeadow would have no such bad luck a minute later. A shot from 10 feet out on the left wing beat Brownie freshman keeper Ryan Zaczynski to the stick side. And the Lancers went up, 2-1. At that point, Longmeadow seemed to raise its game. They spent a lot more time in the Brownie zone than the Brownies spent in theirs. And for the final three minutes of the first period half, they totally controlled the puck.

Agawam, down 2-1, started off the second period with Pagella in the box. However, penalty killers Sprague, Mike Kosinski, Gilhooly, and Jason Malanson did their thing and the Brownies dodged a bullet. The Lancers were still juiced up, repeatedly testing the Agawam defenders.

With 9:21 left in the second, it was all Longmeadow. Their efforts paid off with 3:49 to go. A big slap off the stick of Matt Samble from 35 feet out on the left point beat Zaczynski to the stick side. The Lancers seemed to score again 20 seconds later. But a man in the crease negated it.

The Lancers got it back, however, with 2:04 left to take a 4-1 lead. And that's how the second period ended.

Three minutes and six seconds into the final 15 minutes. LeClair got his fifth goal of the season on a blast from 30 feet out on the left point to make it 4-2, Longmeadow. Gilhooly was credited with the assist.

### Agawam Defense Comes Alive

Now the Agawam defense, led by Jason Callahan and Jeremy Malanson, came alive, fighting off a big Lancer rush at the 8:56 mark. Longmeadow would not be denied. Zaczynski made a prodigious effort to stop a knuckle-balling shot with 7:39 left, but it caught the upper right-hand corner of the net and Longmeadow led, 5-2.

Agawam had a prime chance to tighten things up on a power play with 5:30 left. The effort was featured with a blast off Pagella's stick that was gloved for a save. Longmeadow scored the final goal of the game with 2:52 to go.

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**Our deadline is Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, our office WILL BE OPEN on Monday, January 17th (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day).**

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# Winter/Spring Calendar From The Agawam Parks & Recreation Dept.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Office is located in the rear of Agawam High School.

Christopher Sparks, Director of Parks and Recreation. Phone: (413) 821-0514.

Jennifer Kerr, Administrative Assistant. Phone: (413) 821-0513.

Address: 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Fax: (413) 789-2610.

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## REFUNDS

If a class is cancelled by the Recreation Department, a full refund or credit will be given. A \$15 fee will be charged for all refunds due to participant cancellation. There are NO MAKE-UPS FOR MISSED CLASSES.

## BOUNCED CHECK FEES

The Town of Agawam will impose a \$25 fee on checks returned due to insufficient funds.

## REGISTRATION

Registration must be done in person. No phone registrations will be accepted. Enrollment for all programs is limited on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration with payment for all courses is required; make checks payable to "Town of Agawam." A parent's or legal guardian's signature is required for all youth programs.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the case of severe weather conditions, the Recreation Department will list all cancellations on the Recreation Department's answering machine. Please call the Recreation Office at 821-0514.

## INSURANCE

The Town of Agawam does not carry insurance to cover hospitalization or medical costs for anyone injured in or watching any of our Parks and Recreation programs.

Program participants must sign a grant of permission and release waiver to participate in Recreation Department-sponsored activities.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### PERRY LANE NURSERY SCHOOL

The Town of Agawam runs a Nursery School for children ages three to five at Perry Lane.

Open House: 108 Perry Lane — Tuesday, January 18th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Registration/enrollment for the 2000-2001 school year will begin at the Open House and will continue at the Recreation Office until enrollment is full. Children must be three years-old by September 30, 2000 to be eligible for enrollment at Perry Lane.

Call the Recreation Department for more information.

### YOUTH BASKETBALL

The 1999-2000 Youth Basketball season is underway. Come watch the games and cheer for your classmates and neighbors.

Games are played on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from January 8th through the end of March.

#### Game Schedule:

Girls' Grade 3 & 4, Jr. High School, Saturday 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Boys' Grade 3 & 4, Jr. High School, Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Girls' Grade 5 & 6, Middle School, Sunday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Boys' Grade 5 & 6, Middle School, Saturday 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Girls' Grade 7 & 8, High School, Sunday 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Boys' Grade 7 & 8, High School, Sunday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

### HIGH SCHOOL DROP-IN BASKETBALL

The Parks and Recreation Department is offering Drop-In Basketball for boys and girls in grades nine through 12. Agawam Student ID is required to participate.

No one will be allowed to play without an Agawam High School Identification.

Drop-In Basketball: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Agawam Junior High School Gymnasium.

Cost: Free to Agawam High School students.

### SWIMMING LESSONS

Youth Swimming Lessons will be offered this spring at the Agawam Junior High School. These lessons will last for seven weeks beginning the week of February 28th and ending the week of April 10th.

A weekday class and a Saturday class will be offered. Specific days and times will not be available until February 1, 2000.

Cost: \$15 per person.

Registration: Begins Monday, February 14th, in the Recreation Office.

Please watch the Agawam Community Channel for details or call the Recreation Office after February 1, 2000.

## PUBLIC SWIM

The Agawam Junior High School Pool will be open for public swim on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Flotation devices are not permitted. Disposable diapers are not permitted in the pool at any time. A cloth diaper with rubber pants or "swimmies" diapers are recommended.

Public Swim: Fridays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Agawam Junior High School.

Cost: \$2 for age six and older; \$1 for age five and younger.

## YOUTH LACROSSE

The Youth Lacrosse Program is entering its third year of play. Boys and girls in grades five through eight are welcome.

The program will begin in mid-April and will meet two nights a week. Players are required to provide their own equipment.

Cost: \$50 per person.

Registration: Begins Monday, January 17th, in the Recreation Office.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Women's Volleyball is for women age 18 and over.

Women's Volleyball: Mondays, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Granger Elementary School.

Cost: \$3/night.

### MEN'S & CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Men's & Co-Ed Volleyball is for men and women age 18 and over.

Men's & Co-Ed Volleyball: Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Agawam High School.

Cost: \$3/night.

### ADULT DROP-IN BASKETBALL

Drop-In Basketball is a supervised basketball program for Agawam residents age 18 and over. Proof of age and residency is required for admission.

Adult Basketball: Mondays & Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Agawam High School.

Cost: \$2/night.

The drop-in fees for the volleyball and basketball programs are payable to the site supervisor each visit. The Agawam High School Sports Schedule takes precedent over drop-in volleyball and basketball; please check with the site supervisor or call the recreation office to see when the program is cancelled.

### SPRINGFIELD FALCONS HOCKEY

The Springfield Falcons are pleased to announce "Group Nights" at the Nest. These games will have a family-oriented theme and will benefit the Town of Agawam's Recreation Department.

A one-price ticket of \$7 allows children, adults, and seniors admission to the game(s) of your choice. Tickets must be purchased at the Recreation Department by the Thursday prior to the game date.

Call the Recreation Department at 821-0513 for more information.

\* Sunday, January 23rd, 5:00 p.m. — Versus Providence Bruins.

\* Friday, February 11th, 7:30 p.m. — Versus Quebec Canadiens.

\* Friday, March 3rd, 7:30 p.m. — Versus Hartford Wolf Pack.

\* Friday, April 7th, 7:30 p.m. — Versus Providence Bruins.

### CPR CLASS

The Recreation Department is offering an American Heart Association CPR class. Participants will learn the risk factors for heart disease, signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke, and adult CPR.

This six-hour course is the perfect class to learn CPR for the first time and is ideal for senior citizens, coaches, babysitters, Boy and Girl Scouts, and any other organization.

Thursdays, February 17th and 24th, Agawam Library, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Cheryl Sabola.

Registration: Begins Monday, January 31st, at Recreation Office.

Limit: 18 participants.

Cost: \$35.

### SKI TRIPS

The Recreation Department will be offering ski trips to different mountains in February and possibly March. These day trips will be offered on Saturdays, Sundays, and during the school vacation weeks if there is interest.

A minimum of 30 people is required to run a trip. Call the Recreation Office for more information.

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## Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

### Ice Fishermen, Take Heart...

The warm, spring-like temperatures of the last several weeks have certainly not been conducive to ice fishing. But take heart, my fellow hard-water fishermen!

Well-placed sources tell me that February will be a great month for ice fishing here in southern New England.

A healthy fall stocking of trout, along with native populations of pan fish and bass, should keep the flags popping up with fairly good consistency. Once the ice is safe, perch jerkers at locations like the Oxbow should have a field day with large jack perch.

For those of us who like to jig, a wide assortment of ice jigs and ice spoons are available. As for myself, I like to dig into my shad dart box and use smaller darts of various color combinations.

The addition of a mousie or grub seems to add the right touch of attraction for most pan fish. If you run out of grubs or meal worms, a perch eye added to the hook seems to work quite well. Of course, if you are practicing catch-and-release, this is probably not an especially good idea, at least as far as the perch is concerned.

Another deadly alternative is the addition of an Uncle Josh mini Ripple Rind. Unlike plastic twister tails that stiffen up in cold water and lose some of their action, the thin pork rind twister remains supple and will perform quite well.

Every year, first-time users of power augers get a cold, wet awakening to the laws of physics and fluid dynamics. If you are using that new power auger for the first time since Santa left it under the tree, be aware that the screw auger not only lifts ice chips from the hole, it lifts and disperses the ice-cold water that floods the hole when you break through. If the auger is still spinning when you lift it from the hole, an icy-cold shower will result.

A good solution to the "soaked from the waist down" problem lies in prevention. A bib-style set of rain pants worn over your clothes will keep the water from reaching you. Make sure that the rain pants are not tucked into the top of your boots, but hang down over your boots. There is nothing more uncomfortable or that invites frostbite easier than wet feet.

#### FISH REPORT

The crew of the Francis Fleet will be taking a brief vacation for a couple of weeks, but will be

back on the water soon. Other boats working winter cod (such as the Helen-H out of Hyannis) are getting their customers into some nice cod when the weather permits.

Striper action in the Thames River continues to be an up-and-down proposition. Some days it's fantastic, and other times ... well, you know how it is — "should have been here yesterday."

Those that are scoring are doing well on lead head and twister tail jig combos and Sassy Shad type baits.

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### In Tri-Parish Bowling Action...

## Fordham And BC Tied For 1st At The Start Of Round 3

In the first match-up (Monday, January 3rd) of round three in the Tri-Parish Bowling League, what often happens did again. St. Mary, who had just won the second round, "relaxed" (another way of saying slumped) and lost four points to Fordham.

Not one St. Mary bowler could get over 300; even sub anchorman "Luscious" Lou Muldrew only managed a 298. For the winners, Tom "Thumb" Massotti had a good series of 311, and "Jolly" Oly Muldrew had a 324 (to win the "brother/brother" contest).

Also taking four points was Boston College, who demolished Holy Cross. Not one HC bowler hit over 300 (sounds like the first match). John "Big Bad" Mlinek went from 344 last week to a 277, and Ron "The Don" Menard did more of the same (356 to a 291).

For BC, Roger "Rabbit" Josephson finally got his battery charged and ran off a 316 series. Anchorperson Betsy "Loaded" Cannon returned to form and rolled a 331 total with a 123 single.

Georgetown won over Notre Dame, 3-1, taking total pinfall by almost 100 pins. Anchor Debbie "Mighty" Poirier rolled a 321 and had help from Mark "Up" Edwards, who threw an even 300.

Lucy "Not In Peanuts" Menard had a real good night going, but she tired in the third string and only ran off a 93 (she still finished with 313). Flo "Rocky" Rochford slipped to 306, which was only good enough to take one point for the losers.

St. Louis tied with Catholic University at two-all. For St. L., Jim "Big Mac" McCormack put together two good strings (116 and 114) for a 303 series, and anchor Glen "Not Sam" Adams hit a 121 single and a 320 series.

Kathy "Big Cat" Burlingham was the whole show for CU, running off strings of 116, 104, and 132 for a neat 352 total.

The standings after one night in the third round are as follows:

Fordham	4-0
Boston College	4-0
Georgetown	3-1
St. Louis	2-2
Catholic University (first-round winner)	2-2
Notre Dame	1-3
St. Mary (second-round winner)	0-4
Holy Cross	0-4

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"Tri-Parish Bowling News" is a  
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## Noted Phys. Ed. Pupil



ROBERT VENTULETT was recently recognized as the eighth-grade "Physical Education Student of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

## Agawam Parks & Rec. Has "Group Nights" For Falcons Hockey

The Springfield Falcons, a professional hockey team, is pleased to announce **Group Nights** sponsored by the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department, to be held once a month through April of 2000.

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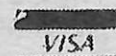


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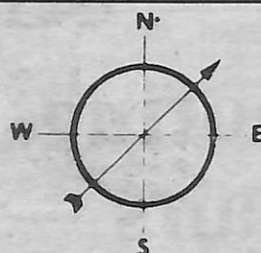
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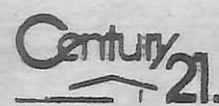


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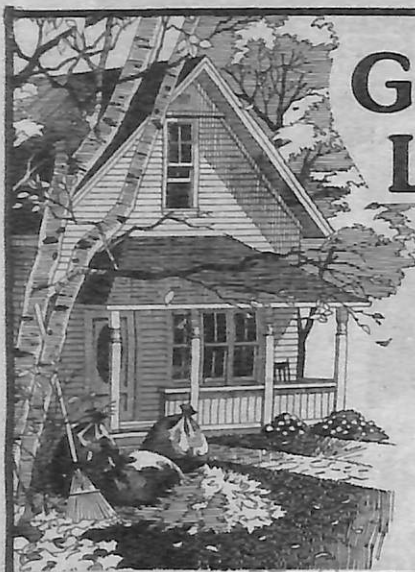
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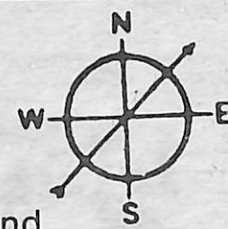
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## PERSONAL

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